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CAIRO, TO-DAY.
IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IMPORTANT MEASURES, AIMING AT MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF EGYPT, WERE DECIDED AT A CONFERENCE YESTERDAY MORNING PRESIDED OVER BY THE PREMIER, ALY MAHER PASHA, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, SIR MILES LAMPSON, THE G.O.C., GENERAL WILSON, AND THE EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

FRANK ADMISSION APPROVED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
Political circles highly praise Mr. Chamberlain's frank admission in the Commons of the Allied setbacks in Norway.

The Premier's declaration has strengthened the unanimous conviction both in Britain and France of the necessity to wage the war with intensified energy.

Franco-British opinion was fully prepared for difficulties in the Norwegian campaign.

Most important results of the campaign have been the irreparable losses sustained by the German navy.

Summing up the position, political circles point out the Norwegian campaign is merely part of the fight which aims at securing the final victory. —Havas.

SITUATION FAR FROM TRAGIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
Authoritative opinion is that the Allied situation in Norway is far from tragic despite the abandonment of the operations in southern Norway owing to the insufficiency of air bases.

Henceforth the war in Norway will develop north of Trondheim where the bulk of the Allied forces are located. The full cooperation of the Narvik region by the Allies is now merely a question of time. —Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST—East winds moderate; cloudy generally.

The Home Ministry is to establish a strict control over foreigners, while one division of Egyptian troops will be stationed in Cairo.

The Egyptian Premier later received the Italian Minister, Count Mazzini, who told the press he did not believe in the imminence of a crisis and expressed optimism.

The Premier told newsmen: "The country may rely on the Government which has taken all measures for security. The situation is certainly fraught with danger but there is no imminent alarm." —Havas.

Greece Preparing

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Athens, To-day.

The anxiety prevailing in all countries bordering the Mediterranean has now spread to Greece.

General Metaxas, the Premier, in a speech at Piraeus yesterday, stated: "Greece is determined to defend her independence should it be threatened."

"The air is filled with unrest and anguish, for this war, perhaps one of the most terrible in history, will not only decide whether one nation or another will take territory or lose it."

"This war will decide the very fate of civilisation, perhaps for centuries."

"We know that in this crisis Greece is not divided and will not be subdued as in the last war. She is more powerful and united than ever before." —Havas.

Rumanian Stand

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

In a press interview yesterday the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, stated the peace of the Danubian regions and the Balkans were closely related to the Mediterranean. However far they may be from each other they must realise their common destiny. Past trials had left them with the same desire for order and freedom. —Havas.

Dangerous Symptoms

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Baghdad, To-day.

"We are certain the Allies will

speedily help any Balkan state which is the victim of aggression," says the influential "Istiklal."

The French, British and Turkish forces are ready, says the paper.

It adds that symptoms similar to those preceding the invasion of Czecho-Slovakia and Poland can be noticed in Rumania and Yugoslavia. —Havas.

KING HAAKON IN SWEDEN?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

It is unconfirmedly reported that King Haakon of Norway and the Nygaardsvold Government are at present in Sweden. —Havas.

THIRD NAZI ATTACK ON WOUNDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AT GENEVA THAT CONVOYS TRANSPORTING WOUNDED WERE ATTACKED FOR THE THIRD TIME ON WEDNESDAY, IN NORWEGIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, BY GERMAN PLANES.

Heavy losses were suffered, the victims including doctors and nurses.

The Norwegian Government has requested the Red Cross to approach the German Government with a request to respect the Red Cross signs on Norwegian ships. —Havas.

Reuter adds women nurses were among those killed.

CLODIUS CONCLUDES HUNGARIAN VISIT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

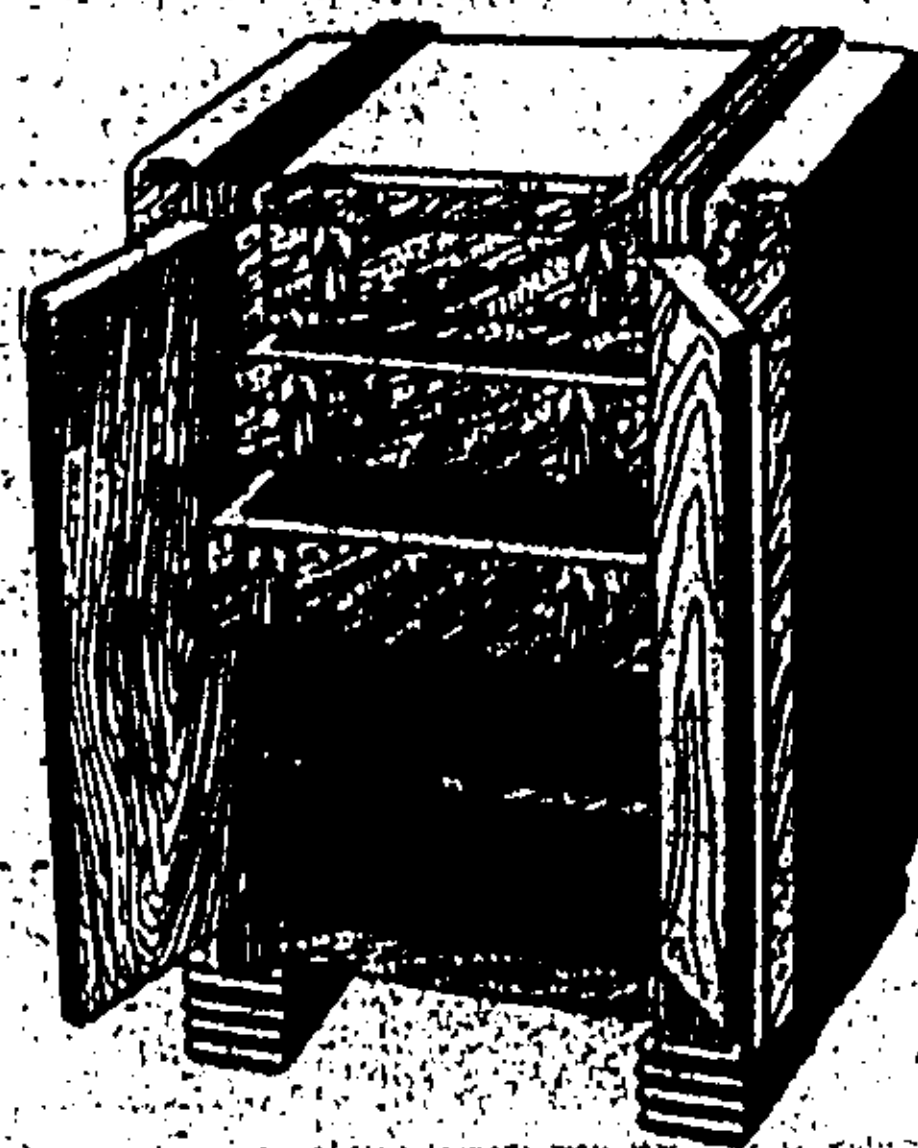
Budapest, To-day.

Conversations have just concluded between Dr. Clodius, the Nazi economic expert, and the Hungarian authorities which will result in increased German-Hungarian trade. Germany aims to receive from Hungary mainly agricultural products. —Havas.

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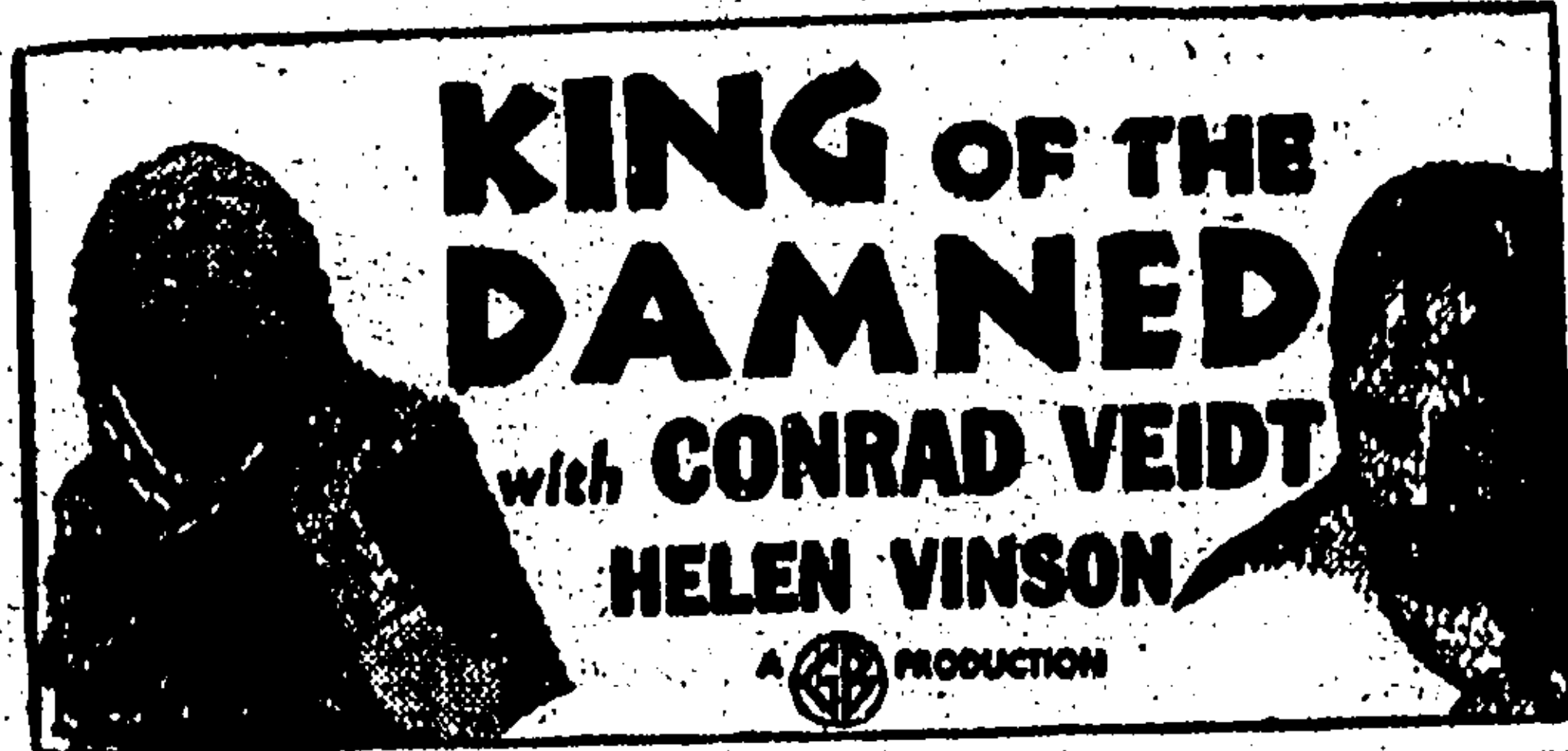


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LIFE IN DENMARK UNDER SHADOW OF SWASTIKA

Amsterdam, To-day.

LIFE IN DENMARK TO-DAY is described by the
Copenhagen correspondent of the Liberal news-
paper "Algemeen Handelsblad."

Only part of the picture is presented, for sections of
the message were cut by the German censor.
A variety of rules, orders and prohibitions were
issued at once, he says; and efforts were prompt-
ly made to change the whole economic life of
the country.

On the first day, prices were con-
trolled and this was followed immedi-
ately by the rationing of almost all the
important foodstuffs.

Petrol was not only strictly ration-
ed but all stocks were confiscated. This
alone threw 85,000 Danes in the motor
business out of work.

All through the country, the Danish
people are having to adjust them-
selves to a completely new way of
living, the correspondent continues.

MEETINGS FORBIDDEN

Considerable precautions have been
taken to make hostile demonstrations
impossible. All meetings are forbidden
and the ban even extends to univer-
sity graduation ceremonies.

Wine and spirits are forbidden, and
the Danes may only drink light beer.

Their famous dark beer is prohibited
and this is causing strong resentment.

Developments since the Nazi occupa-
tion have taken the Danish people by
surprise. They thought they were on
friendly terms with all their neigh-
bours, and this makes their present
helpless position all the more bitter.—
Reuter.

AMERICANS RESCUE BRITISH CREW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
New York, To-day.

The American steamer Panama res-
cued the crew of the British freighter
Matakana which ran aground on Ma-
yaguana Island, 50 miles north of
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SHANGHAI PRICES SOAR AS CHINESE DOLLAR TOBOGGANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.
NEITHER THE CONTROL FUND nor banks operating on its behalf gave any reason for the sudden withdrawal of support from the exchange market yesterday which resulted in a sudden slump of the Chinese dollar, the U.S. dollar being quoted at 20 Chinese dollars.

Reports of pending American assistance to China are unconfirmed though some quarters believe the United States may take measures to support the Chinese currency at least in transactions with Free China.

One of the immediate consequences of the slump in the Chinese dollar was a renewed dearth of foodstuffs on the market, especially rice and flour. Saigon rice soared to \$48 per ton against \$41 the previous day.

Meanwhile local bankers are strongly impressed by the fact that local yen quotations shared the Chinese dollar's decline. Yen could be purchased at 128 and the military yen at 127.5.—Havas.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON TO DEAL WITH SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.
Replying to a question in the Commons yesterday dealing with subversive journals and organisations, Sir John Anderson, Minister of Home Security, said an attempt to suppress statements which may be open to objection on the ground that the language used is inaccurate or immoderate, would involve very extensive interference with the liberty of the press.

"What I am considering is a guarded and limited provision to enable action to be taken in serious cases of propaganda deliberately designed to impede the national war effort."

WHITSUNTIDE RECESS

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister announced that the House would adjourn for the Whitsuntide recess next Thursday and reassemble on May 21.—British Wireless.

JAPAN AND EUROPEAN CONFLICT

Tokyo, To-day.
Japan's determination to maintain her policy of non-involvement in the European war was emphasised by the Premier, Admiral Yonai, in a speech to a conference of local governors yesterday.

He added: "Simultaneously we are paying close attention to the effects of the European war on East Asia and are taking appropriate steps whenever they are necessary."

"In such an international situation we must be fully prepared to face great difficulties both at home and abroad in fulfilling the great mission of building up the new order in East Asia."—Reuter.

JAPANESE IMPERIALISM

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.
THE "CURRENTUL" IN A LEADER ON PACIFIC OCEAN QUESTIONS, SAYS: IT IS DIFFICULT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES TO FIND A POLICY SATISFYING JAPANESE NEEDS.

Holland has shown proofs of real sympathy for Japan and encourages all European tendencies to organise a just division of raw materials.

Japan, on the other hand, is not inclined to wait for European principles of organisation in Asia.

The powerful current of Japanese imperialism in Asia has won over public opinion in Tokyo.—Reuter.

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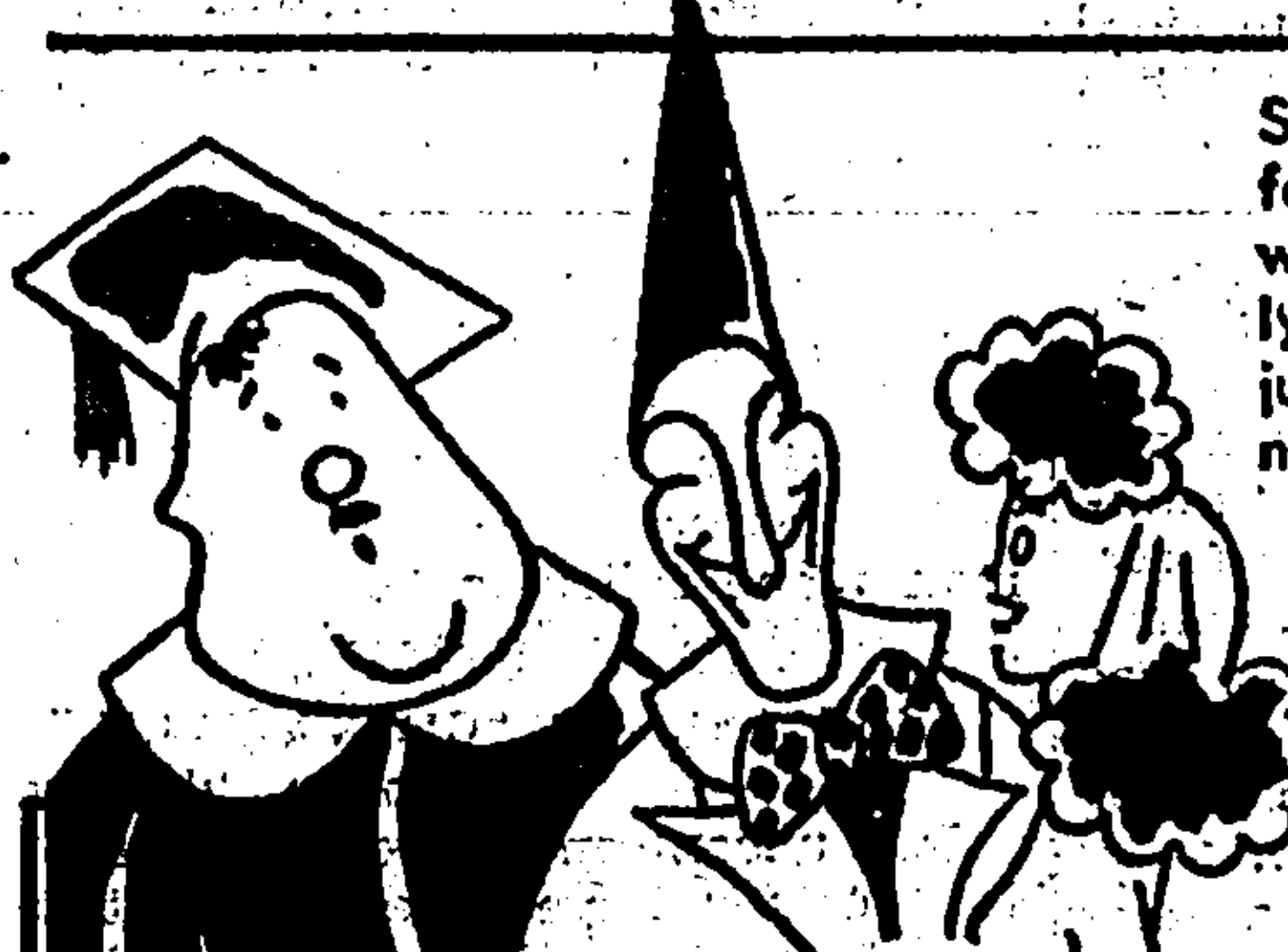
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British Withdrawal From Andalsnes: Giving Up Impossible Task

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S REVELATION that the British forces in South Norway have abandoned an impossible task and re-embarked at Andalsnes has not disturbed French opinion.

The British Premier's speech reveals that the decision to withdraw was reached at last week's meeting of the Supreme War Council, and it goes far to explain recent puzzling news from the Dombaas-Stoeren regions.

It is plain, for instance, that the main British forces were discreetly retired and re-embarked some days ago and that a comparatively small covering party has been fighting a magnificent rearguard action for days.

Mr. Chamberlain drew a parallel in contact with the enemy. "There is nothing further to report in Namsos."—Reuter.

Improving Positions in The North

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

In the north of Norway, the Allies are continuing to move in and improve their positions.

A strong German attack was launched at Steinkjer, supported by artillery, including the guns of destroyers in the Trondheim Fjord.

Despite the careful preparation and support from the air, the Germans were beaten back with heavy losses, it is reported.—Havas.

Nazis Enter Andalsnes

Berlin, To-day.

A High Command communique says German troops entered Andalsnes at 1 p.m. yesterday.—Reuter.

Nazi Claims

Berlin, To-day.

A High Command communique claims a British aircraft-carrier was hit by a bomb when German warplanes attacked a British naval squadron off the western Norwegian coast on Wednesday.

It also claims a British destroyer was hit and two British fighter planes escorting the warships shot down.

The communique admits one German plane failed to return.—Reuter.

No Information

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is unconfirmedly reported that the Norwegians have recaptured Stoeren and Dombaas. Nevertheless military quarters have no information whether the Norwegian forces are strong enough to maintain their positions.—Havas.

NAZI RAID AT NAMSOS

London, To-day.

The Germans announced on Wednesday that British headquarters at Namsos had been bombed and that a destroyer had been sunk.

Presumably, this destroyer was the sloop Bittern, which the Admiralty announced yesterday, was set on fire after a prolonged battle with Nazi aircraft, in which one of the latter was shot down and others "severely handled." Bittern was sunk to avoid her becoming a danger to navigation, her crew being taken off by another warship; no casualties are yet reported.

An escort vessel with a normal complement of 125 officers and men, Bittern was completed in March, 1938. She was one of 68 specially built for escort purposes which Britain had in commission at the beginning of the war. We had 179 completed destroyers last September.—Reuter.

FIGHT UNTIL NORWAY IS FREED

London, To-day.

A further pledge that Britain will fight until the freedom of the Norwegian people has been restored was given in a speech yesterday by Sir Kingsley Wood, Lord Privy Seal.

Ribbentrop's explanation of the attack on Norway deceived no one, he said. The issue is clear and unbreachable; the stake is humanity and civilization itself.

Referring to the forces gathered and gathering in the Near and Middle East, he said that these were not in Egypt or Palestine to menace anyone. They are there for whatever one, duty they may be called on to face, and their presence will fortify our good friends, Egypt and Turkey.—Reuter.

FEEDING NORWAY'S POPULATION

London, To-day.

Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, parliamentary secretary to the Food Ministry, told the Commons yesterday the Government was actively considering that the Norwegian civil population in areas where British troops are operating be supplied with food.—Reuter.

MINISTERS OF MILITARY AGE

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons yesterday whether it was his intention to retain in the Government those Ministers under 40 years of age who are fit and eligible for military service, the Prime Minister replied in the affirmative.—Reuter.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE IN R.A.F. RAIDS

London, To-day.

The Royal Air Force continues to give no peace to Nazi air bases in Norway and Denmark.

On Wednesday night they again raided Stavanger, Fornebu and Aalborg. The raid on Stavanger followed two during daylight hours. During a reconnaissance flight over the Heligoland Bight, R.A.F. planes shot down a German seaplane.

Stavanger has now been raided 16 times, including six or seven attacks in the 48 hours ending yesterday evening. Aalborg has been raided six times and Fornebu five times.

Pilots who flew over Stavanger after Tuesday's raids describe the damage as enormous. Not a single fighter came up to offer combat.—Reuter.

TRIPLE THREAT TO SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

SWEDEN IS THREATENED BY THREE DANGERS, POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE STATED.

Firstly, the presence of German troops on her southern border; secondly, the fact that the Swedish coast along the Baltic is in an exposed position, and, thirdly, the possibility of Soviet aggression in the far north of Sweden, though this seems unlikely.

Fully realising her special position, Sweden has made extensive military preparations for some time, and both her navy and army are now capable of inflicting heavy losses on an invader.

Although no official figures are available it is understood the Swedish army comprises at least 200,000 well-equipped and fully trained men whose morale is excellent. The Swedish navy is as powerful as any navy in the Baltic.

Particular care has been devoted to the organisation of coastal defence while Swedish guns are known the world over due to the high quality steel and the high standard of the Swedish armaments industry.

The air force consists of about 500 planes. In case of emergency Allied assistance could be secured through Narvik.—Havas.

Curious Report

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Reports from the Swedish frontier state that besides retaking Roeros and probably Tynset, Norwegian troops have occupied Dombaas and Stoeren, abandoned by the Allies.

In view of the lack of information as to the number of Norwegian troops taking part in these operations, it is, of course, impossible for the time being to measure this information.—Havas.

War Office Communique On Withdrawal

London, To-day.

A War Office communique states: "The Allied forces which have been carrying out delaying operations south of Trondheim during the past few days have now, after repulsing many enemy attacks, been withdrawn in face of increasing enemy strength."

"They were successfully embarked at Aandalsnes and other ports in the neighbourhood."

"This was done in spite of the enemy's incessant efforts to destroy these ports and communications by air action."

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By ED REED.



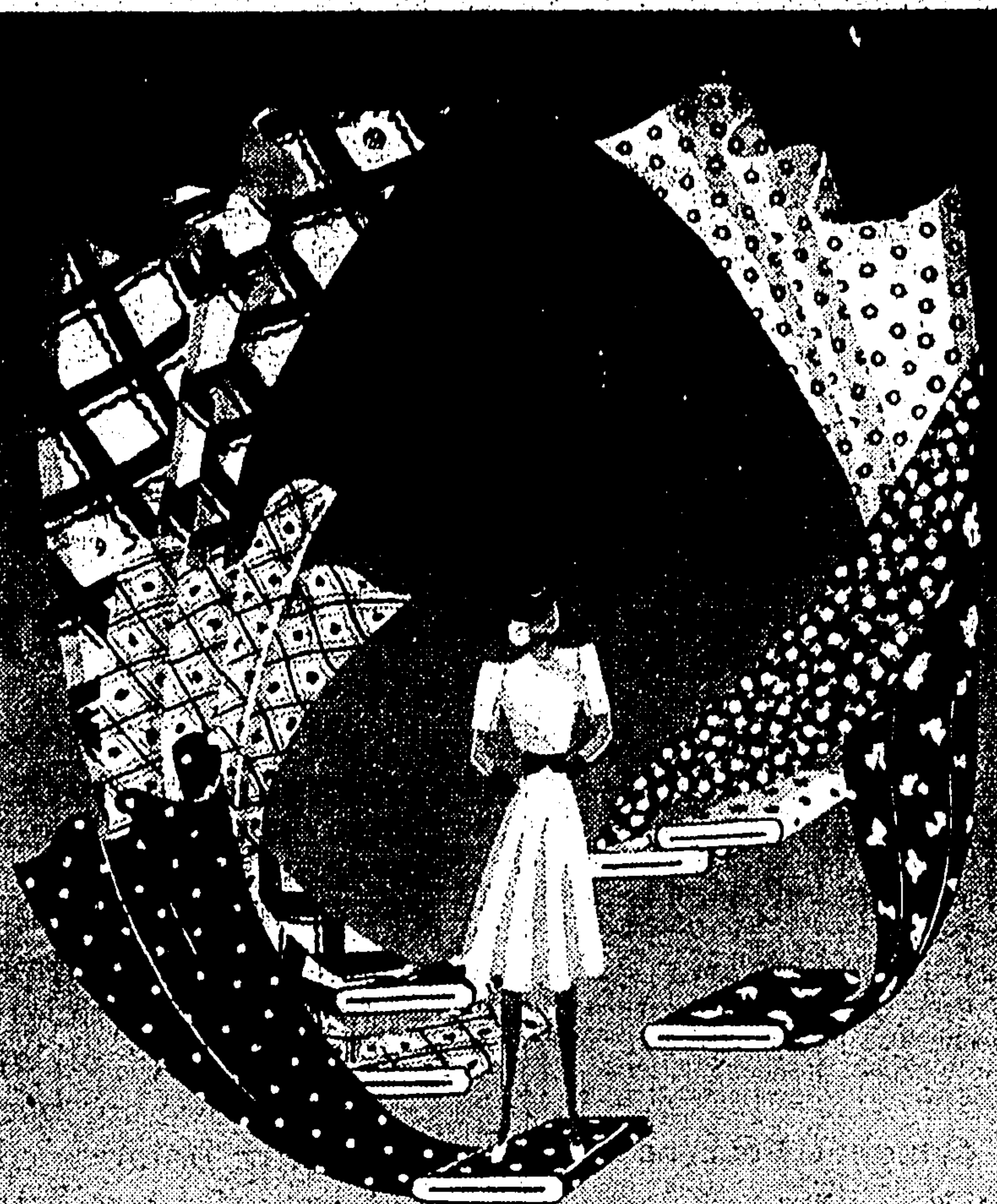
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Mr. Chamberlain's Revelation In Commons

OUTLOOK IN INDIA MORE PROMISING

London, To-day.

The British Government and the Viceroy of India will welcome any plans for the setting up of a committee in which representatives of public opinion could discuss various points of view. This was announced yesterday by the Under-secretary for India, Sir Hugh O'Neill.

Good results were most likely to come from a small committee, he said, and any plans for such a committee must obviously come from the parties directly concerned.—Reuter.

Gandhi's Decision

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times" approves Mr. Gandhi's virtual renunciation of the civil disobedience campaign.—Reuter.

DAUGHTER OF ADMIRAL HOLT MARRIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Robert Luck, former attache at the French Embassy in China, yesterday married Jane Holt, daughter of Vice-Admiral R. V. Holt, former Senior, Naval Officer, Yangtze.—Havas.

JAPANESE BUILDING RAILWAY TO NANNING

Kweilin, To-day.

The Japanese are reported to be building a railway connecting Nanning and Yamhsien in southwest Kwangtung. They expect to complete the new railway in four months.—Central News.

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Concentration At Alexandria

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AFTER GIVING DETAILS OF BRITISH AND GERMAN NAVAL LOSSES OFF NORWAY, MR. CHAMBERLAIN, IN HIS COMMONS SPEECH YESTERDAY, ADDED:

"It would seem from these figures that whereas the strength and efficiency of the Royal Navy has been little if at all affected, the injury to the German navy has been so substantial as to alter the entire balance of naval power and to permit important redistribution of the main allied fleets.

"In this connection I might mention it has been thought possible to divert to more normal distribution, ships in the Mediterranean which for some time have been affected by our requirements in the North Sea.

"A British and French Battle Fleet, with cruisers and auxiliary craft, is already in the eastern basin of the Mediterranean and on its way to Alexandria."

PREMIER ON STRATEGY

Turning again to the Norwegian campaign, Mr. Chamberlain said German losses must have amounted to many thousands.

"It is far too soon to strike a Norwegian balance sheet for the campaign has merely concluded a single phase in which it is safe to say that if we have not achieved our objective, neither have the Germans achieved theirs, while their losses are far greater than ours.

Warning To House

"But I would take this opportunity of addressing a warning both to this House and to the country.

"We have no intention of allowing Norway to become merely a sideshow (loud prolonged cheers) but neither are we going to be trapped into such a dispersal of our forces as would leave us dangerously weak at vital centres (cheers).

"We know our enemy holds the central position. They have immense forces always mounted ready for attack and an attack can be launched with lightning rapidity in any one of many fields.

KEROSENE ORDERED CONFISCATED

Some 2,930 tins of kerosene were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, when several Chinese were charged with possession of dangerous goods on board a junk in Shaikwan harbour.

Accused were Ho Chik-look, 48, Chan Din-on, 26, Li Kwong-ming, 36, all junk masters, and Cheung Yat, 25, junk mistress.

Each defendant was fined \$100 or six weeks.

"We know they are prepared and would not scruple to invade Holland or Belgium or both.

"Or it may be that their savage hordes will be hurled against their innocent neighbours in south-east Europe.

Lightning Swoop

"They might well do more than one of these things in preparation for an attempt at a large-scale attack on the western front, or even a lightning swoop on this country.

"It would be foolish indeed to reveal to the enemy our conception of the strategy best calculated to secure their defeat.

"But this can be said for it obviously—that we must not so disperse our forces as to weaken our freedom of action in vital emergencies which may any moment arise.

"We must seize every chance, as we have done and shall continue to do in Norway, to inflict damage upon the enemy, but we must not allow ourselves to forget that long-term strategy will win the war (Cheers).

"Let me repeat that what I have said is only an interim statement. Certain operations are in progress and we must do nothing which might jeopardise the lives of those engaged in them."—Reuter.

Similar Statement In House Of Lords

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LORD HANKEY MADE A STATEMENT IN THE LORDS YESTERDAY ON THE WAR SITUATION SIMILAR TO THAT OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN THE COMMONS.

Lord Snell (Labour) said he would comply with the Government's request not to debate the statement but at the same time they as a party were far from happy concerning certain events and the preparations made to deal with them.—Reuter.

NEW NAZI TROOP MOVEMENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Large contingents of German troops have been transferred from the Rhineland and Westphalia to Hamburg and Bremen.

The Gestapo are exercising strict control over the entire Hamburg region, and are watching closely the few remaining foreigners.—Havas.

SWEDISH TRADE TALK WITH SOVIET

Paris, To-day.

According to a Stockholm despatch the economic negotiations which Sweden has begun with the Soviet are regarded as important.

It is stated in some quarters that the exchanges under consideration would amount to about £6,000,000.

Sweden is anxious to receive in exchange for machinery such products as petroleum, fats and metals which she can no longer obtain from Germany or the Allies.

Sweden is also being solicited by Germany, and it is stated envoys from Berlin have already reached Stockholm and have begun negotiations apparently aiming at soothing the apprehensions of the Swedish Government and people.—Reuter.

CANTON INSURANCE DIVIDEND

The General Agents and Consulting Committee of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., will, at the forthcoming Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Wednesday, May 22, recommend the payment of a Final Dividend of \$7.00 per share, in respect of Working Account for 1938, and the transfer of the balance of \$628,070.67 to Underwriting Suspense Account; they will further recommend that an Interim Dividend of \$5.00 per share be paid in respect of Working Account for 1939, and that the balance of \$1,938,906.44 be carried forward.

PICKPOCKETS IN A POST OFFICE

Mr. F. A. Dunnett of No. 36, Han-kow Road, was robbed of a wallet containing \$35 inside the Kowloon Post Office yesterday.

Special British news reels, covering the B.E.F. in Norway, scenic views of Norway, French clearing up German mines, British Air Force and Navy pictures, and the recent soccer international between England and Wales will be shown at the King's Theatre this evening.

ITALIAN ENIGMA

United States Taking An Active Interest: Spain Affirms Neutrality

Madrid, To-day.

THE UNCERTAIN STATE of relations between the Allies and Italy, emphasised by the closing of the Mediterranean to British shipping, was taken with remarkable calm here.

The opinion is becoming more emphatic that unless Spanish sovereignty in the Balearic Islands or elsewhere is violated, Spain will remain neutral.

— Reuter.

Greece Calls Up Reservist Officers

Athens, To-day.

Ten classes of reserve officers in the Greek army have been called up for a month's training. They will be called in four series, the first of which must report on May 15. The highest rank of non-commissioned officers are included in the call-up.—Reuter.

Appeal By Prince Paul To Carol Denied

Belgrade, To-day.

Reports that Prince Paul, Senior Regent of Yugo-Slavia, had on his visit to Rumania made a secret appeal for aid to King Carol, are "entirely without foundation," Yugo-Slav official circles close to the Prime Minister told Reuter yesterday.

Responsible circles here believe the situation is not such as to warrant any appeal from Yugo-Slavia to any other state for special aid, diplomatic or otherwise.—Reuter.

Italy More Cautious In Press Comment

Rome, To-day.

While messages from Berlin continue to appear in the Italian press under headlines announcing German triumphs of Allied reverses, there are now constant references in comments and in many messages from neutral sources to recognition that the struggle will be long and the outcome is impossible to foresee.

One despatch from Stockholm says the situation in southern Norway is still fluid.

There is no establishing of fronts and operations so far have been conducted by relatively limited forces, so that unexpected reverses may be experienced by either side.—Reuter.

More Effective Than Any Diplomatic Note

New York, To-day.

An editorial in the "New York Times" says the British measures in the Mediterranean should remind Mussolini more effectively than a dozen diplomatic warnings of the dangers of going to war against the Allies.—Reuter.

United States Inquires About Yugoslavia

Paris, To-day.

According to a Rome despatch, it is believed that when the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, called on Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, he was given a reassuring statement concerning Italian intentions regarding Yugo-Slavia.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Until further notice, Imperial Airways will omit all Italian stops.—Havas.

Amicable Meeting

London, To-day.

In connection with Wednesday's

ITALIANS INFLATE AIR ARM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The Italian press, commenting on the operations in Norway, insists the air force means a real revolution in naval warfare.

The London correspondent of "Popolo d'Italia" cables that Britain should admit "intervention of the air arm in modern war has entirely altered war technique and the hierarchy of nations."

"If London would admit this new reality, as well as the fact that Britain no longer disposes the means to impose her will on the world, the British Empire would be spared ruin and the whole of Europe would be spared a great tragedy."

"Then it would be possible to build up a new international organisation based on a more equitable distribution of economic and political power."—Havas.

conversation between Sir Noel Charles, British Charge d'Affaires in Rome, and Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano, it is stated that the meeting was amicable and rumours that Sir Noel presented a note from the British Government are without foundation.

The American Ambassador who say Signor Mussolini on Wednesday night, yesterday had an interview with Count Ciano. He also saw Sir Noel Charles.—Reuter.

Italo-American Talks In Washington

Washington, To-day.

The Italian Ambassador, Prince Colonna, conferred for 15 minutes with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, yesterday afternoon, and afterwards went to see President Roosevelt.

These conversations have created considerable interest at the State Department.

Mr. Welles said later the State Department had received a full report from the U.S. Ambassador in Rome on his interview with Mussolini on Wednesday.

The talk, he said, was of a general character and consisted of an interchange of views on the international situation.—Reuter.

Assurance Reiterated

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

It is understood Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, reiterated to the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, his assurances as regards Yugo-Slavia.—Havas.

BELGIUM'S STAND

Brussels, To-day.

"We can hope war will be spared us since the Belgium of 1940 is not the Belgium of 1914," declared the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, in a speech at Antwerp yesterday.

"We are able to defend ourselves. A strong army and a strong country considerably increase our defensive system."—Reuter.

REVOLT PLOTS IN BALKANS

Denied In Bucharest

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

According to the Italian press revolutionary plots have been discovered in Rumania and Yugo-Slavia.

"Messagero" declares the Rumanian police recently uncovered a plot aiming to bring changes in the form of government. A similar plan was brought to light in Yugo-Slavia.

The paper says King Carol of Rumania and Prince Paul, the Yugo-Slavian Regent, met during the Orthodox Easter holidays in a frontier locality to discuss the situation. The report says that discovery of the plot resulted in extraordinary military measures in Rumania.—Havas.

Categorical Denial

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Officials categorically deny reports of a secret meeting between King Carol of Rumania and Prince Paul, Senior Regent of Yugo-Slavia. Rumours of revolutionary plots in Rumania and Yugo-Slavia are also denied.—Havas.

PUT DOWN FOR A MOMENT: GONE NEXT

Mr. Gratacap, resident at the Hong Kong Hotel, on arrival at the Wing Lok Wharf yesterday in a taxi, put down on the ground a bag containing clothing, and \$320 while he paid the driver. When he turned round, after paying off the taxi, the bag had disappeared.

BULGARIA DENIES REPORT

Sofia, To-day.

The Bulgarian telegraph agency is officially authorised to deny that German patrol vessels disguised as barges have anchored at Rustchuk, on the Danube.—Reuter.

AMERICAN PRESSURE ON ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The United States will close the Mediterranean to American shipping if there is no improvement there, Mr. William Phillips, U.S. Ambassador in Rome, told Mussolini, according to diplomatic quarters here.

Il Duce thereupon assured Mr. Phillips that Italy had no aggressive intentions against Yugo-Slavia.

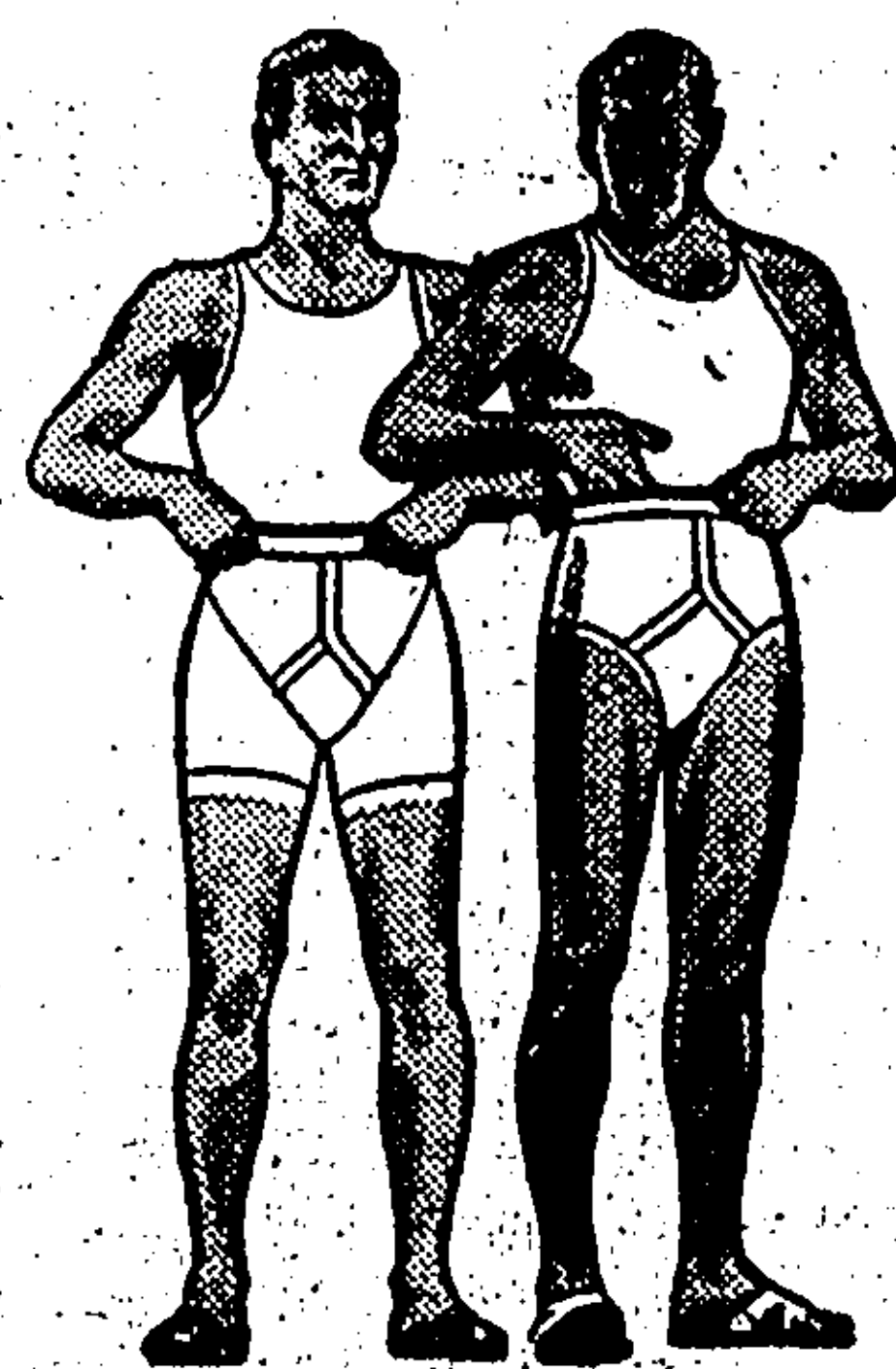
Mussolini's assurances were reiterated when the Italian Ambassador in Washington, Prince Ascanio Colonna, accompanied by Mr. Sumner Welles, American Under-Secretary of State, called on President Roosevelt.

If the United States decides to ban American shipping movements in the Mediterranean it will strike a new blow at Italy's economic position, already affected by the similar decision of Britain.—Havas.

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Messrs. A. W. Hughes and F. Neill after they had laid a wreath on behalf of the Australian and New Zealand Association at Hong Kong's observance of Anzac Day at the Cenotaph.



The Royal Navy contingent at the Anzac Day observance at the Cenotaph.



Lady Northcote and Mrs. King inspecting the Girl Guides before tea at Sandilands Hut.



Girl Guides marching in to Sandilands Hut where Lady Northcote gave a tea party last Saturday.



Snapped at Lady Northcote's tea party to the Girl Guides' Association at Sandilands Hut.

DECOY SUSPICIONS

American Opinion Approves Action In Norway

MR. DUBOIS SUCCUMBS TO WOUND

Critically wounded by one of three armed gangsters who unsuccessfully attempted to rob Messrs. Sennet Freres, jewellers, in Pedder Street shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday, Mr. J. Dubois, 55-year-old manager of the firm, succumbed at 9.15 this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital.

One of the alleged gangsters, who was wounded in the hand, is also in the Queen Mary Hospital under police guard.

The Police are searching for the other two gangsters who escaped after the alarm had been raised.

All the stolen jewellery was recovered.

"Wanted"

The following descriptions of the two wanted men, who are believed to have arrived here recently from Shanghai, has been circulated to all stations.

"Aged 25 medium height and build, hair cut short, and dressed in black serge European-style clothing. White Panama Hat and black European-style leather shoes. Believed to be a Cantonese.

"Aged 24, medium height and build, long thin face and sallow complexion. Hair cut American style, wearing greyish-blue European-style serge clothing and Brown leather shoes. Native of Shanghai.

"This man is believed to be armed with a revolver."

RELIEVING TENSION!

BERLIN, TO-DAY.
AMIDST THE WELTER OF WAR NEWS AND CRISIS NEWS AND TENSION NEWS, HERE IS AN ITEM OF "SPORTING" NEWS WHICH MAY FORM AN ITEM OF "COMIC RELIEF".

The Nazi Chief of Trotting and Flat Racing has warned that race horses must not be named "Adolf," "Hermann" or Ribbentrop! He also announces that only names considered "tasteful" by the racing authorities may be used.

It has been suggested that this is due to a fear that one day a horse named "Adolf" or "Hermann" might be allowed to come home among the "also rans!"—Reuter.

REFUSAL OF BRITAIN TO FALL INTO TRAP

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BRITISH WITHDRAWAL FROM AANDALSNES WAS FELT TO BE INEVITABLE IN MILITARY CIRCLES HERE BECAUSE OF THE START GERMAN OBTAINED IN NORWAY.

For some time past the opinion has been expressed in these quarters that the German campaign in Norway was in the nature of a decoy.

The refusal of the British to fall into this trap despite the adverse effect such a decision might have on public opinion, is held to be wise.

Rumours had been current in diplomatic circles since the Scandinavian invasion not only that it was a prelude to an Italian drive in the Mediterranean area, agreed upon at the Brenner meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, but also that Hitler might attempt to better Napoleon by staging a raid on England herself through Holland.

The Chamberlain speech has also helped to correct the impression of a German success due to efficiency, by emphasising the German treachery and violation of international standards of conduct.

Holland's Attitude

In Amsterdam, while Mr. Chamberlain's statement was read with interest, the general verdict of the public last night was that judgment must be suspended until the events in Norway are further clarified.

There is no disposition to attach undue weight to the general claims of successes, and the actual facts of Allied landings and Air Force bombings have made a considerable counter-impression.

Mr. Chamberlain's reference to Hol-

land is not commented on officially but the Dutch attitude is they are now well prepared to tackle any would-be invader.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S GEISHAS WELL PATRONISED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai, To-day.

The local Japanese community have been spending increasing large sums monthly on geisha entertainers according to a recent Japanese Consular Police report. The rise is attributed to improved financial conditions among Japanese residents.

During the first three months of the present year 350,000 yen was spent as against 200,000 yen in the corresponding period last year.—Havas.

MOTORISTS FINED

Several Europeans were before Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C., this morning, for breach of Traffic Regulations.

A fine of \$20 was imposed on the manager of Alex. Ross Motor Company, for failing to notify the change of ownership of car No. 2852 within the prescribed period.

Mr. H. J. Tebbutt of Davies, Brooke and Gran, St. George Building, was fined \$5 for parking overtime in Charter Road.

Mr. J. H. Potts, of Benjamin and Potts, was fined \$5 for driving in a road closed to traffic. Defendant drove the car in Duddell Street on April 16.

Klimanek Phillip Harding, of Abermore Court, May Road, was fined \$10 for parking his car in Connaught Road for more than two hours, and for driving without an appropriate licence.

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MEN, WOMEN, AND GUNS

The debate on man-power in the House of Commons dealt with one of the most difficult of all war problems. Every citizen is affected by modern war, and the problem is to ensure that every citizen is fully employed where he or she can best contribute to victory. Some thought had indeed been given to this problem before last September; and a schedule of reserved occupations had been drawn up to prevent the destruction of the industrial output essential to victory by indiscriminate enlistment. Moreover the somewhat tentative Military Training Act was at once reinforced by a new Act which made the whole male population between the ages of eighteen and forty-one liable to military service. The approach to the problem was therefore made infinitely easier than it was in 1914. The armed forces were assured of all the recruits they could handle in an orderly sequence, and industry was protected against disruption. But the problem of what allocation should be made between the armed forces on the one hand and industry on the other hand, in order to secure the greatest war effort, remained and remains difficult. The more armies become mechanised and weapons become complicated the broader must be the industrial basis behind the combatant sections of the armed forces; and some authorities have estimated that, whereas in the last War it took some five to seven people to keep a soldier in the line, the comparable figure to-day is eleven to thirteen.

To deal first with the requirements of the armed forces, it is clearly impossible to disclose the total strength which the Government have decided to raise and to maintain. But the pace at which this strength can be reached depends upon the volume of industrial output, and the volume of industrial output of munitions must again have regard to the need for financing the war, and notably to the need for increasing exports and for keeping the ordinary civil life of the country going on a tolerable level. As the Minister of Labour said yesterday, in allocating man-power he has to hold the balance between half a dozen urgent claims, none of which can be neglected. Nevertheless he rightly put the manning and equipment of the armed forces first, for their expansion has clearly been the most urgent requirement during the first phase. The finding of these men has proceeded to the point of subjecting no fewer than 1,700,000 to registration either for military service or for reservation to essential industries, and before the end of the present month a further age group will be similarly registered. To the hundreds of thousands actually called up must be added 300,000 volunteers belonging to age groups not yet affected by conscription. The pace of enrolment naturally increases as time goes on, for it is governed by the equipment and the training facilities available. It is clear indeed—and the present events in Norway prove it—

that the contribution of this country is intended to be nothing less than its total strength, and that of this a substantial part has already been developed.

The full and proper allocation of man-power to industry is a more complicated matter, and it is clear that some of it still remains unused or used imperfectly. Nevertheless Mr. Brown was able to tell a cheerful story, of which the culminating point was a "personal guess" that half a million of those still registered as unemployed had an early prospect of absorption in their own industries. There is not, and every one hopes that there never will be, industrial conscription in this country; but results have been achieved by the eager co-operation of the trade unions and of employers in seeing that our resources in skilled labour are fully applied, are mobile, and are reinforced. Requirements for eighteen months ahead have been prepared in consultation with them, and every effort will be made to meet those requirements. Government training centres with an output of 40,000 semi-skilled workers a year will contribute, but the main task of training labour will devolve upon the factories, yards, and mines themselves. In this connection it must be remembered that there is certainly a large reserve of people who have not previously been in industry. In particular the work which women did in the last War earned them the vote; and, without disparagement to the many thousands of women already added to the total in employment during this war, it cannot be said that either the intrinsic or the replacement value of women as a whole has yet been utilised. The debate, yesterday also showed that, like the expansion of the armed forces, the expansion of industry depends on a full supply of equipment and notably of machine tools. Nevertheless the Minister's speech indicated that, though very much remained to be done, very little had been forgotten.

Finally one detail, which appears to have caused some heartburning, needs special comment. Though the schedule of reserved occupations was issued before the war, it was not applied to enlistments in the Territorial Army; and the absence so far of active operations has made many enlisted men feel that they might more usefully render other service. There was indeed a good deal of indiscriminate enlistment in raising the Territorial Army from 128,000 in January, 1936, to 418,000 in August, 1939. Though the Army itself requires a great number of skilled "tradesmen," it has been possible to comb out no fewer than 33,000 men whose services have been recognised to be more valuable elsewhere—20,000 indefinitely and 13,000 temporarily. Moreover the system on which the combing out has been done is manifestly fair. Reservists in the Regular Army must fulfil their Army obligations, and their skill is not wasted. But in other cases releases are granted if the qualifications of the applicant cannot be best used in the Army, or if the application is endorsed by some other Government Department. The process of sifting out and settling down has therefore been going on all the time both in industry and in the Army. The switch over from peace-time to war-time employment has perhaps taken longer than was expected, but it is now proceeding rapidly; and any delays have certainly not been due to half-heartedness but to the great difficulties of a task for which, unlike Germany, this country had not spent years in preparing. On the whole the House of Commons seemed to agree that the Government appreciated what they had to do—even if in some matters they had not yet done it. "The Times."

Judgment Suspended Till Tuesday--Not Longer CABINET TO FACE CRITICAL TEST

LONDON, TO-DAY.
NEXT WEEK'S COMMONS DEBATE ON THE WAR IS LIKELY TO EXTEND TO TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, REUTER'S PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

Gossip in the lobbies indicated that the Commons as a whole have agreed to suspend judgment until Tuesday and no longer.

The cheers which greeted Mr. Chamberlain's declaration that Norway would not be a sideshow were the loudest of the afternoon. In short, it is clear the House will have to be thoroughly convinced on Tuesday that whatever steps have been taken by then are justified.

BRUSSELS VIEW OF EVENTS

Brussels, To-day.

The Brussels papers admit the Germans have obtained important successes in Norway but whereas some papers suggest these are decisive, others take a more objective view.

Many papers pay tribute to the British press for its honest realism and point out the British public supports ill-tidings better than any other.

"Nation Belge" says the German losses at sea were undoubtedly heavier than those of the Allies.

"Meuse" declares: It is notable that German attacks in the North Sea are becoming rare and raids on British bases exceptional. This proves that the Scandinavian effects are heavy for the Reich.

"They seem to cost 500 tons of oil daily without counting about 40 transports sunk in a short interval, constituting a serious loss of tonnage, arms, provisions and men.—Reuter.

SWEDEN WANTS PEACE BUT NOT AT ANY PRICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Sweden will do her best to avoid war and to remain at peace — but not at any price. There is a limit. Her liberty and independence must not be sacrificed.

This was the theme of a broadcast here by the Swedish Secretary for Defence.

The production of war materials in Sweden, he revealed, has been increasing and great efforts are being made in this field.

Equipment for the army, navy and air force and for defence against air raids had been modernised.—Havas.

Those closest to the Ministers believe their statements will carry conviction although they do not disguise recognition of the fact that Tuesday may prove a testing time for the Cabinet.

The attitude of the Labour Opposition hitherto was reflected in Mr. Attlee's statement that Labour would have liked a full discussion on the issues raised but the safety of our men must be a paramount consideration.

Labour is disinclined to exploit any situation, whether military, naval or political, "if the last-named arises from adverse news."

The Liberals, as indicated by Sir Archibald Sinclair's speech on April 30, prefer to retain a free hand.

Criticism Probable

Should next week's discussions invade the field of political consequences within the Government one thing can be taken as certain from the attitude of the House yesterday, namely, that the purpose of any pressure exerted on the Premier will be for the sole purpose of ensuring the best possible prosecution of the war.

There may be criticism. There will be no wavering in the nation's purpose.—Reuter.

Opposition Holds Fire

London, To-day.

Both Mr. Attlee (Labour) and Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) agreed in the Commons yesterday it was inadvisable to have discussions that day, and Mr. Chamberlain then announced that next Tuesday there would be a further statement and discussion on the war situation.—Reuter.

FRENCH DESTROYER DAMAGED

Paris, To-day.

Last night's communique said there was activity of contact units.

An encounter between patrols in the Vosges turned to our advantage. During the operations in the North Sea one of our destroyers was seriously damaged.

One of our patrol ships was sunk by a mine.

On the other hand one of our submarines torpedoed an enemy submarine.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN REICH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO GERMANS ARRIVING HERE FROM THE REICH, THE NAZI AUTHORITIES ARE SHOWING GREAT ANXIETY OVER THE EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT TAKEN SUDDENLY IN GERMANY BY COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

German circles openly accuse Soviet agents of working in Germany; they claim the agents practice industrial espionage on a large scale and serve as intermediaries for spreading Comintern propaganda among German workers.—Havas.

ITALY GETS NAZI COAL

Rome, To-day.

The Minister of Communications, Signor Venturi, writing to Mussolini, states that the efforts to meet Italy's entire demand for foreign coal by imports from Germany, following Britain's embargo on seaborne traffic, have met with virtually complete success.

The letter says the programme called for the monthly delivery of a million tons, and during April Italy received 986,000 tons.—Reuter.

NOT AFRAID OF TRUTH

Ottawa, To-day.

Commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's statement the "Ottawa Journal" remarks the British peoples are not afraid of the truth. Mr. Chamberlain gave them the truth and while some of it may be unpalatable there is nothing in it to cause dismay and much to give courage and confidence.—Reuter.

FRENCH COMMUNIST UNDER NAZI WING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Authoritative circles reveal that Maurice Thorez, former Communist deputy and Secretary-General of the French Communist party, who was sentenced in his absence by a French military court, is in Germany.

His activities, it is added, are directed by the German Government and he is under Nazi protection.—Havas.

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SHA-UE-CHUNG BOMBED

Six Killed In Japanese Raid Yesterday Morning

BIG FIRE STARTED IN MERCHANDISE DEPOT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHA-UE-CHUNG, MIRS BAY terminus of the Taipo-Sha-ue-chung Ferry Service, was yesterday severely bombed by two Japanese planes, the machines arriving over the little village port within three minutes after the air raid alarm was sounded.

Six persons were killed and eight seriously wounded by the bombs which fell in the town, on the outskirts and along the waterfront.

The wounded were conveyed to Kowloon by the ferry boat. Seven were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, one of the wounded, who had two of his legs blown off, having died on the way.

Eight others who took shelter in a dug-out were buried alive when one of the bombs registered a direct hit on the shelter.

Merchandise of some value was destroyed by fire caused by incendiary bombs dropped by the Japanese in the course of the raid.

The air raid alarm was sounded at 9.10 a.m. yesterday and within three minutes the Japanese planes were humming overhead.

Low Flying Raid

Flying very low, the Japanese dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs in the heart of the town and along the waterfront.

There was a panic among the population.

Incendiary bombs fell on a piece of land on which was stored a large quantity of merchandise. The goods caught fire and blazed throughout the day to burn out at 4 p.m.

Relief squads worked all afternoon rescuing people from damage dwellings and assisting the injured.

Many others sustained slight injuries by splinters. Eight were seriously wounded and were taken on board the ferry launch to be conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital.

R.A.F.'S OWN LEAFLET WAR

The pilots and crews of two Yorkshire R.A.F. stations who are believed to have borne the brunt of the recent raids on the German seaplane bases at Sylt have been "raiding" each other with leaflets, some in verse.

One station apparently received more publicity for their part in the raid than their comrades at the second station.

The latter, who are understood to have been the first to bomb the German base, set out for the first station and plastered the officers' mess (with leaflets ironically congratulating them on "their heroism in the Sylt bombardment.")

"REPRISALS" FOLLOW

"Reprisals" were not long delayed, for printed leaflets, apparently scattered from aircraft, were picked up on the first station.

An extract read: "Honours lie easily

THREE PROMINENT SHANGHAI CHINESE KIDNAPPED

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, To-day.

NO LESS THAN THREE KIDNAPPINGS took place in the International Settlement yesterday.

Yoong Er-zung, manager of the Sung Sing cotton mills, situated at Brenan Piece, left his Bubbling Well home at 8.30 in his Packard and failed to arrive at the office.

When he had not returned for tiffin the family grew anxious and informed the police, who immediately started a search, questioning friends and relatives and circulating details of his car, but up to early this morning no trace had been found of the prominent businessman.

In the second affair, two officials of Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company were kidnapped when after the noon recess they were returning to the Yu Yuen Road factory.

Their car was just about to turn off from the main road when four armed men stopped the vehicle and requested them to submit to a search for heroin and pistols.

Whisked Away

Thinking the men were detectives from the Ta Tao police and seeing their weapons, Vong Chia-chang, manager of the tobacco leaf department, and Lee Tse-doong, packing department manager, complied, only to be whisked into a waiting hire car which sped off in a westerly direction, presumably to Ta Tao territory.

The third kidnapping occurred last night in a bath-house in the central district where an unimportant Chinese patron was forced to leave with three gunmen.

In all three cases the motive is unknown but is believed to be political. —Our Own Correspondent.

on our heads. You must be frightfully jealous, but then you came in rather late. It must be galling to have your thunder stolen. We sympathise. There are tales of indiscriminate bombing on Mackerel, in the North Sea, but we accept all these stories with a large pinch of Sylt."

Part of the reply was in verse written by a pilot-officer.

AMERICAN INSISTENCE ON 5-5-3

Washington, To-day. Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, informed the United States Chamber of Commerce yesterday that the present United States naval strength might not be sufficient to protect the country in the future.

He declared the minimum requirement for self-reliance and self-defence was to keep up the fleet to the 5/5/3 ratio of the Washington Treaty.

Admiral Stark spoke after the Chamber had called for faster United States arming on a "pay as we go" basis.—Reuter.

NIGHT RAIDS WILL SCORE

If large scale air-war starts, many raiding aircraft will penetrate far over Britain at night and will not be brought down, a high R.A.F. officer declared.

The R.A.F. has no plan of campaign promising a smashing defensive blow at night raiders.

This is due to the extreme difficulty of intercepting planes at night, especially if they do not come within a searchlight area.

"Why do you think our planes are not brought down on night raids over Germany?" asked the officer. "The Germans would bring them down if they could."

"Defence at night against attacking aircraft is an extremely difficult problem, to which neither side has a satisfactory answer," it was emphasised.

JUNKMASTER FINED

Liu Tak-won, 48, master of a fishing junk, was fined \$600 or four months by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for possession of 30 taels of opium, on board his junk at Lan Tau Island, and for carrying cargo and 26 passengers.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios was for the defendant.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote are holding a small Reception at Government House on Monday evening to meet Mr. Evert Barger and Mr. P. R. T. Wright of the British Relief Unit for Central China.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STAVANGER TO THE NAZIS

By Major F. A. de V. Robertson

No critic can say that the R.A.F. is not showing plenty of offensive spirit in its repeated attacks on Stavanger aerodrome. It is an independent air operation, but it will be of great help to the Allied Expeditionary Force in Norway, for Stavanger is one of the largest and best aerodromes in Norway. (The R.A.F. may by now have qualified the second adjective.) If the German Air Force were allowed to establish itself there it might make itself a great nuisance to our troops in Norway.

It is obviously a matter of great importance to prevent the Germans from establishing a real air superiority in Norway, and the first way of putting a spoke in that wheel is to make Stavanger as nearly uninhabitable as possible. Some authorities hold that the bombing of well-established enemy aerodromes is a policy of doubtful value. Holes in a landing field can be quickly filled in; metal aircraft need not be stored in hangars, but can be dispersed in such a way that their camouflage makes them very difficult to spot from the air. But German aircraft at Stavanger have been caught in the open and a number of them have been destroyed. Their mechanics have also suffered casualties.

Our raiders have suffered some losses. They occurred when German

fighters appeared on the scene. The fighters also suffered losses from the fire of our power-operated gun-turrets. It is notable that German anti-aircraft gun-fire very seldom has brought down a British bomber, in spite of a vast expenditure of shells. It is even more



notable that when German fighters, even the redoubtable Messerschmitt 110, come to grips with our bombers the losses on both sides have been approximately equal. So there seems good reason for expecting that we may make Stavanger untenable by the enemy.

News Snack Bar

OPERATIONS IN NORWAY: WORK OF SCOUTING MACHINES

By Major F. A. de V. Robertson
London, April 16.

I HAVE HEARD complaints that the communiques issued by the Air Ministry during the last intense week have given no coherent picture of the work of the Air Force since the invasion of Norway.

They have consisted, it is complained, of individual stories about aircraft struggling home on one engine and so forth.

This is true enough in a way, but the complaints overlook the fact that the first stage of our operations against the Germans in Norway were primarily naval. It is axiomatic that when either the Royal Navy or the Army is engaged in a series of major operations it is the function of the Royal Air Force to lend it support. This support must be additional to the work of the Fleet Air Arm or, when a land battle is in progress, to the operations of the Air Component of the Expeditionary Force.

FLEXIBLE FORCE

Our main bomber force must always be flexible, ready at any moment to lend appropriate help to either of the other Services, or, if the High Command so decides, to undertake an independent air campaign against the munitions supplies and communications of the enemy.

From the moment that the enemy was reported in Norway, the Bomber Command has been fulfilling this function for the Navy with all its heart and soul. It is almost certain that it sank one cruiser in Bergen fiord, and that is no mean contribution. The Fleet Air Arm almost certainly sank the second cruiser there. The attacks of our bombers on aerodromes in Norway occupied by the Germans have indicated a step towards the next stage of operations, as the crippling of German air strength in Norway may be taken as part of the land campaign which is developing. In this work long-range fighters have taken part.

HANDMAID TO THE NAVY

The Coastal Command of the R.A.F. is always a sort of handmaid of the Navy. From the beginning its reconnaissance work has been most energetic and valuable, but in the last week its energies have been redoubled. In the innumerable deep fiords of

Norway German warships and transports might have lain concealed for a long time had not the Coastal Command provided the Navy with full reports of their whereabouts. These reports, and also reports of German ships at sea, have led to action by the Fleet, and may be considered no less a contribution to victory than was the sinking by bombers of the two cruisers near Bergen. In fact, whatever the precise value of the bomber may be reckoned when the history of this war comes to be written, there can be no doubt of the necessity to naval or military operations of reconnaissance from the air.

"No Display"

Funeral

Mr. Terence Murphy, of Lee View-place, Sunday's Well, Cork, Eire, a retired civil servant, who left estate in England and Eire valued at £4,628, stated in his will that he wished his funeral to be "simple, consistent with decency and devoid of display."

"C.O." Pamphlets

Complaints are being made in Tunbridge Wells about pamphlets which are being distributed from house to house addressed "to men about to be conscripted."

The pamphlet is printed in London for the "Tunbridge Wells Advisory Bureau for Conscientious Objectors."

It is headed: "If you believe that war is wrong, these are your rights." A statement follows on how conscientious objectors may be exempted from military duties.



The British Navy is still keeping the seas clean and this fact is proved by the recent Admiralty announcement that not a single British or Allied ship was sunk in one whole week. The latest weapon of the Nazi—the magnetic mine—is being defeated by the magnificent and untiring efforts of the men of the minesweepers, whose job it is to sweep the harbour channels and approaches clear and make them safe for shipping using our ports. The men of the minesweepers are usually at sea 13 days a fortnight carrying out their dangerous task, using different types of sweep to clear the seas of the underwater menaces such as the mine. Photo shows an impressive picture as members of the crew throw out one of the units of the magnetic sweeper, showing the sinker and the floats (known as blobs). (Copyright Fox.)

Rorke's Drift

Survivor Dies

Eighty-one-year-old Charles Moore, of Churchill-road, Norwich, who has just died, believed he was the last survivor of the Battle of Rorke's Drift, in the Zulu War in 1879.

Moore, who became a soldier when he was 16, also fought in the Boer War and the Great War. He volunteered in 1914 at the age of 36.

Officer Shot

On Range

Lieutenant Herbert Ralph Corey, of the Canadian Forces, has died in hospital at Aldershot, from a gunshot wound in the stomach.

It is stated that the shot was fired accidentally during rifle practice at a range.

Lieutenant Corey was married with one child.

Voice Slowed

Him Down

This is what a motorist told East-leigh (Hants) County Justices:

"I was driving quite slowly. My wife was talking to me."

Macon M.P.

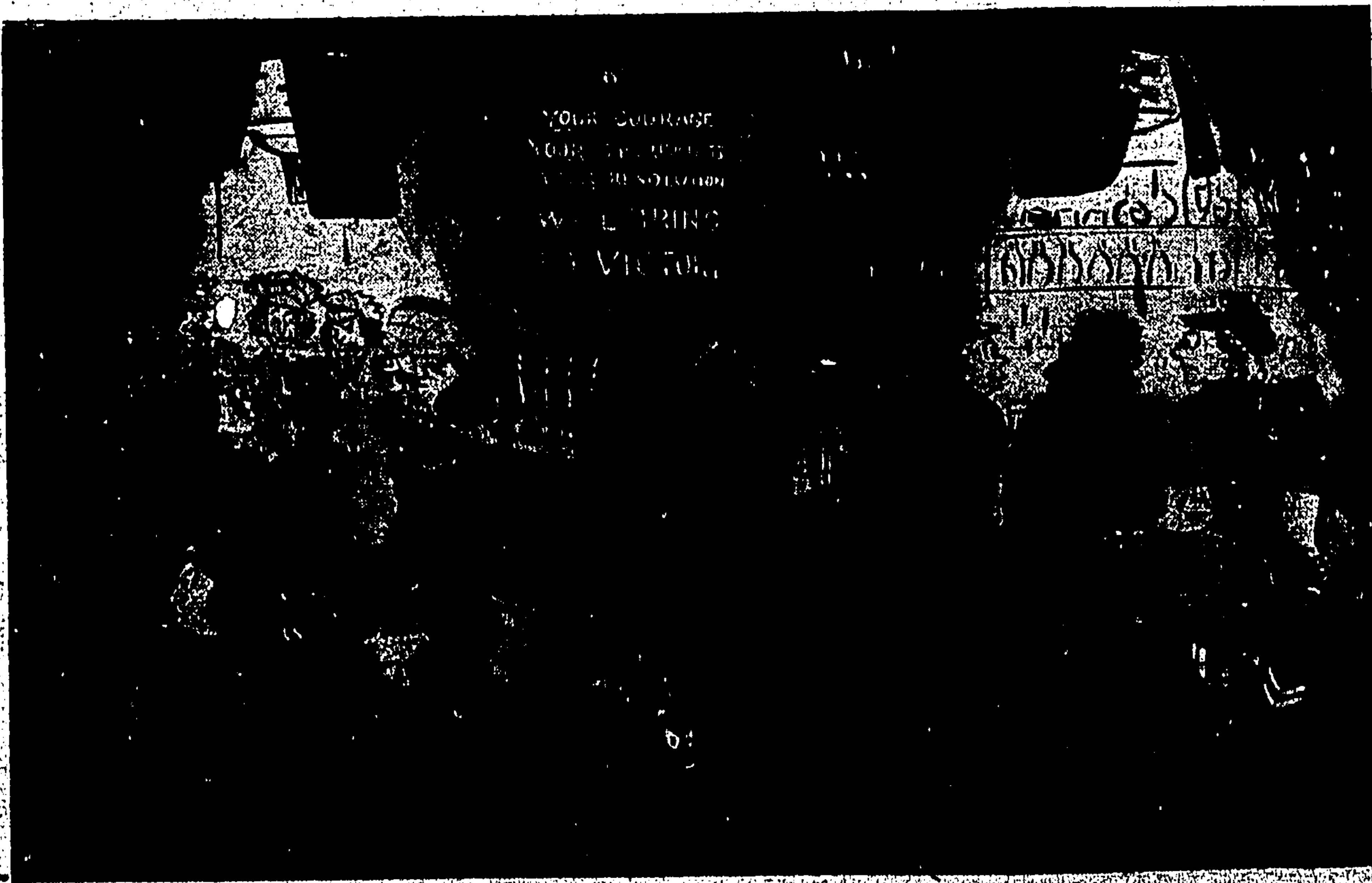
Is Dead

The man who suggested macon as a substitute for bacon—Mr. F. A. Macquisten, K.C., Conservative M.P. for Argyll—is dead. He was sixty-nine.

"I have eaten it," Mr. Macquisten told the House of Commons. "If the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food will consult any farmer's wife in Perthshire she will show him how to cure it."

He had once worked on the land. To help keep his family when he was a young lawyer in Edinburgh he bought a croft and managed it himself.

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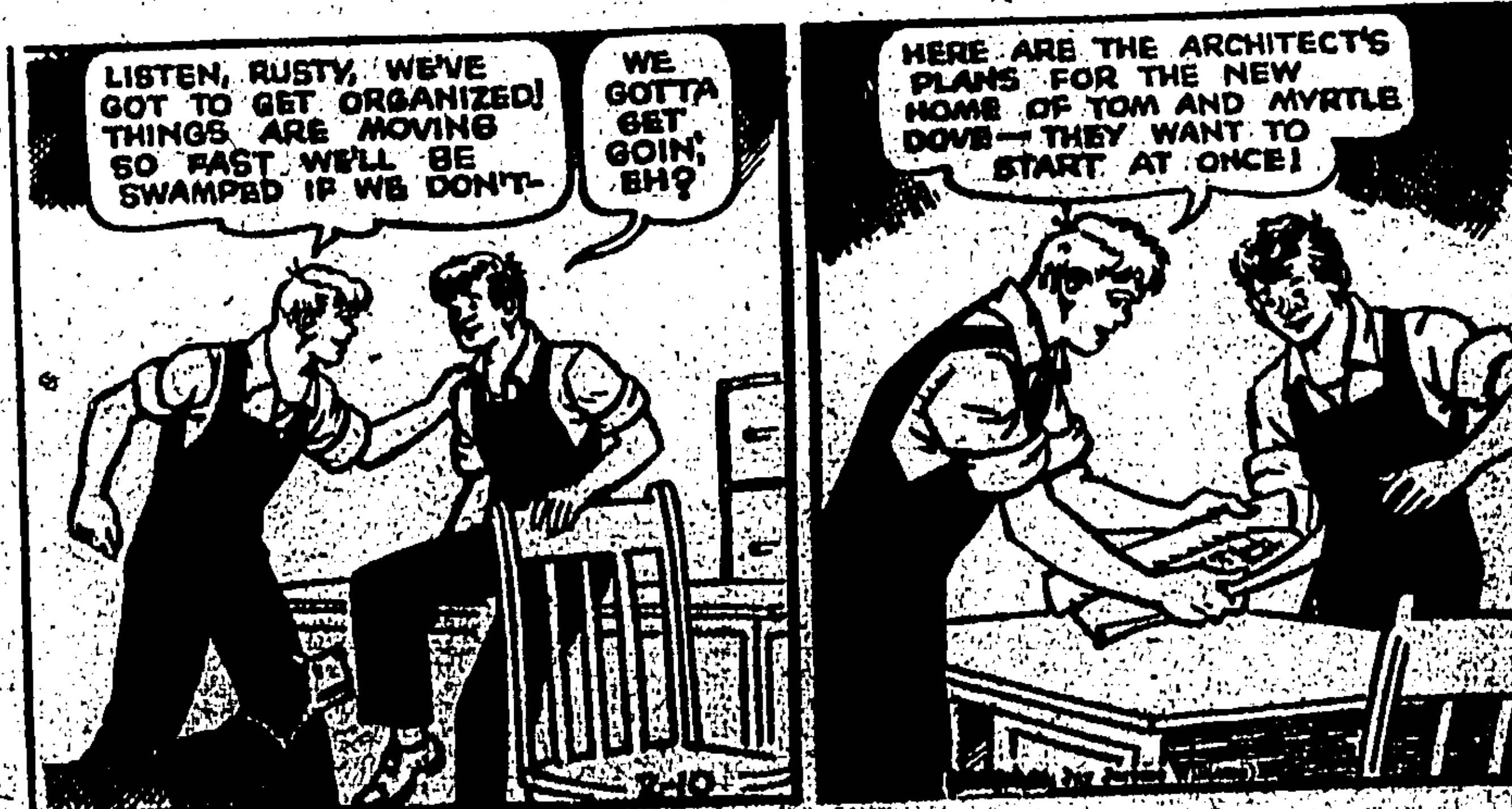
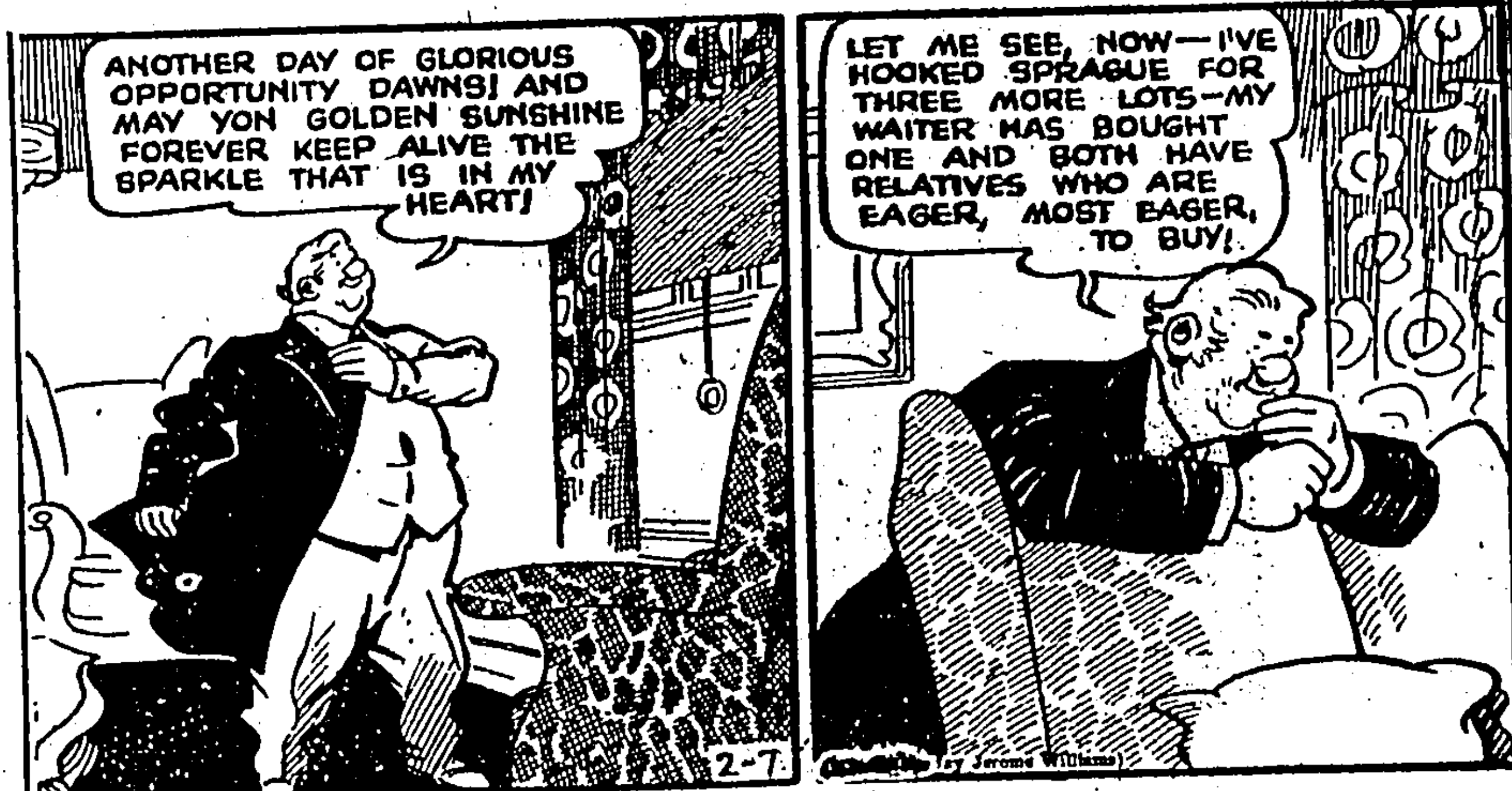
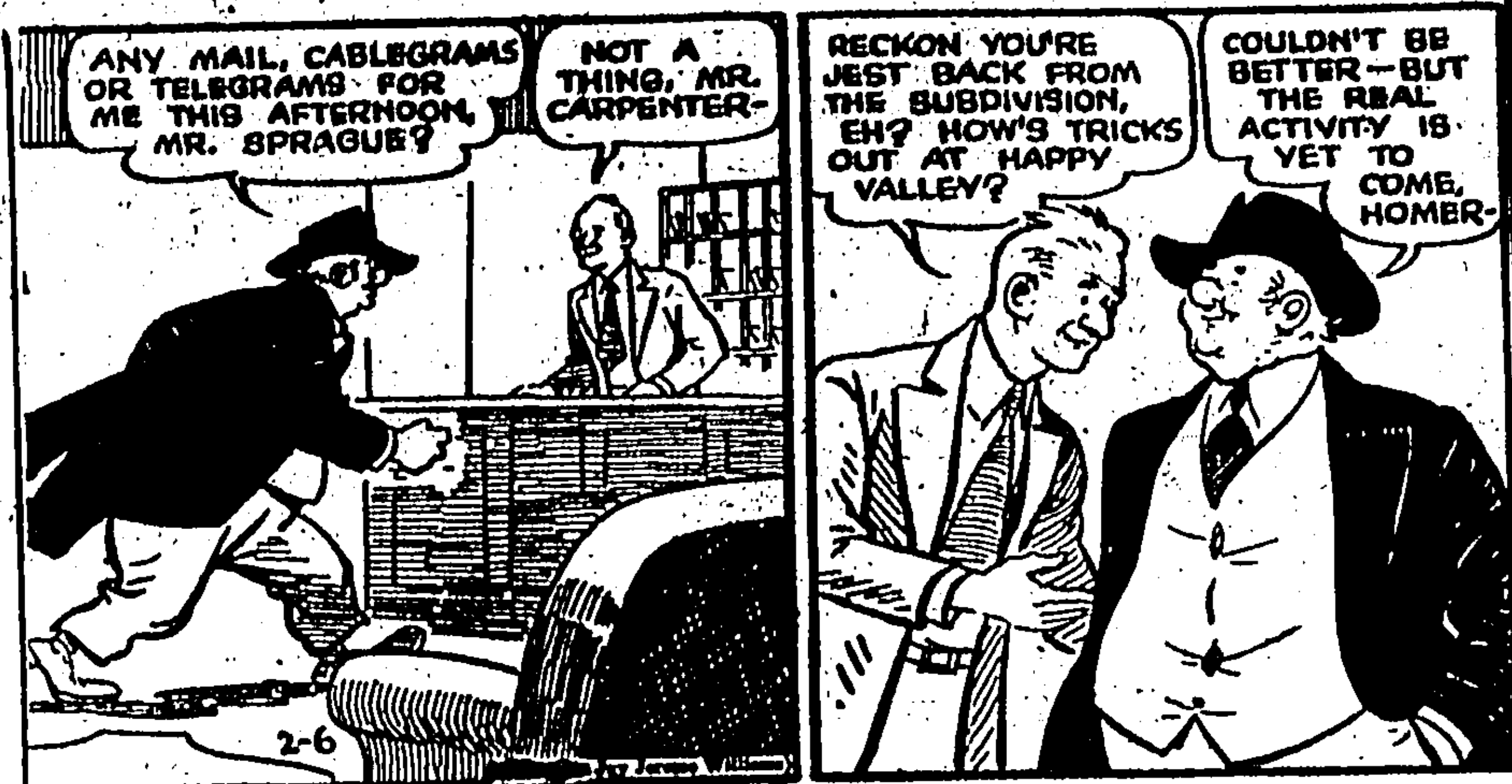
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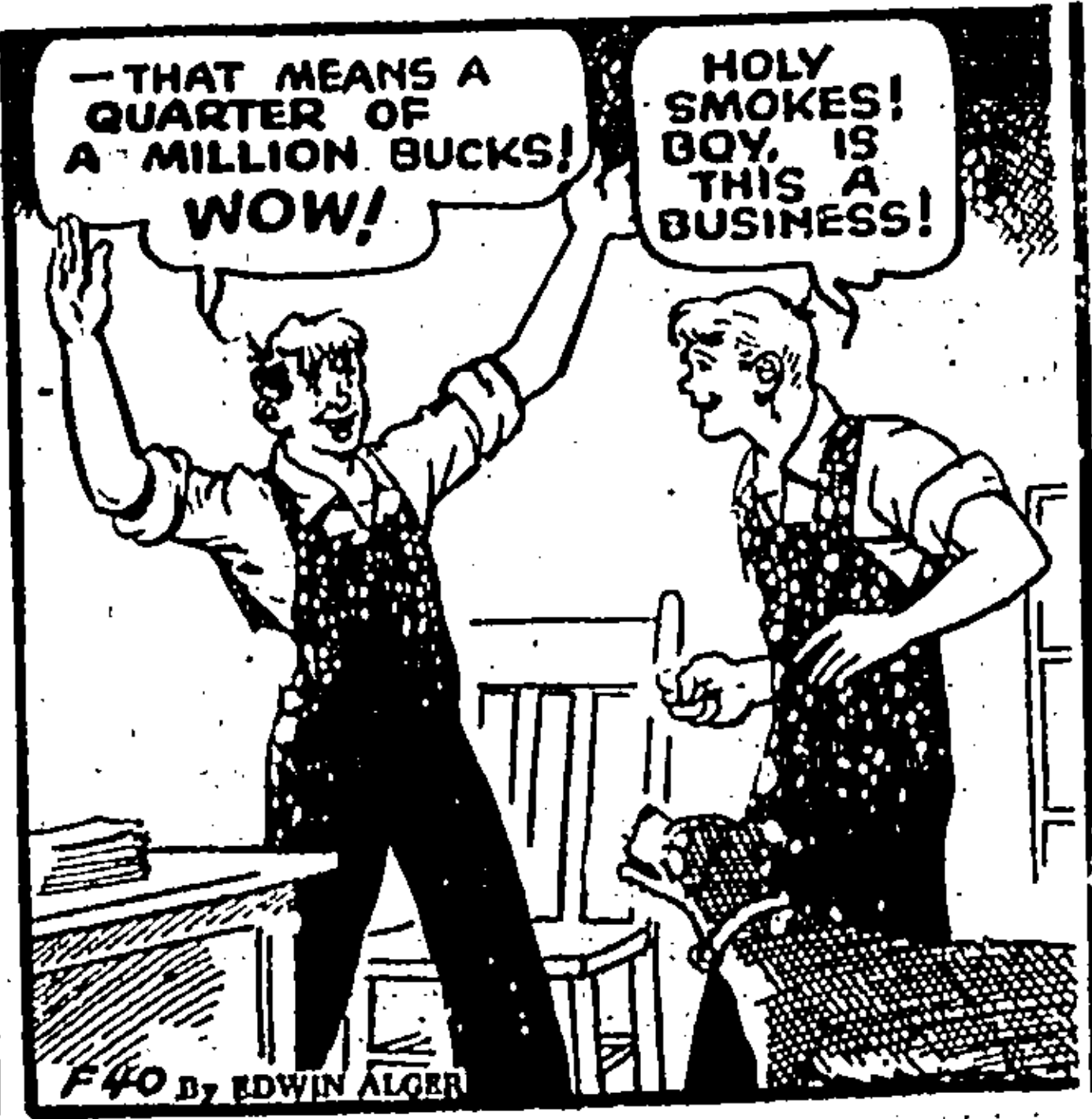
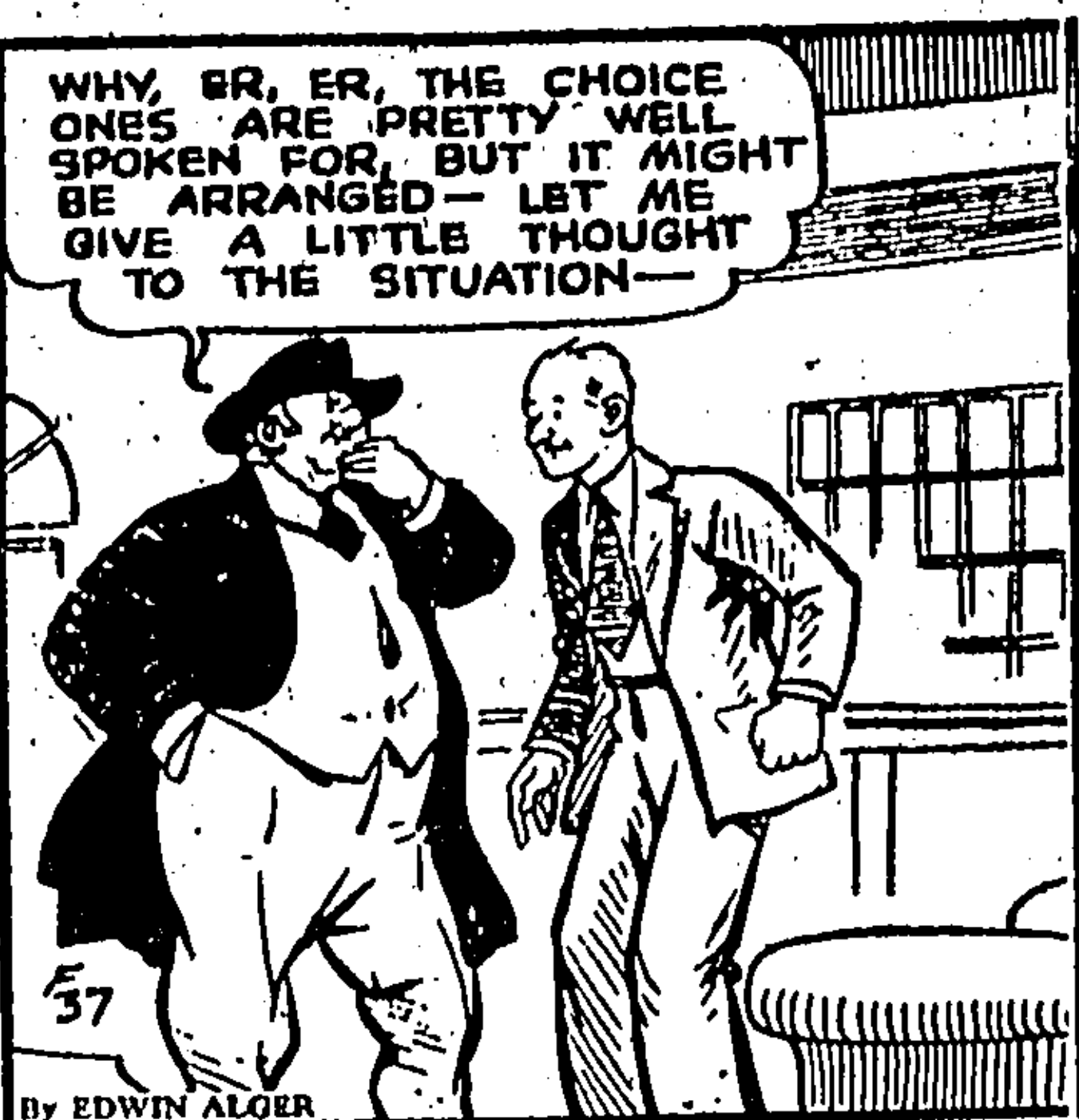
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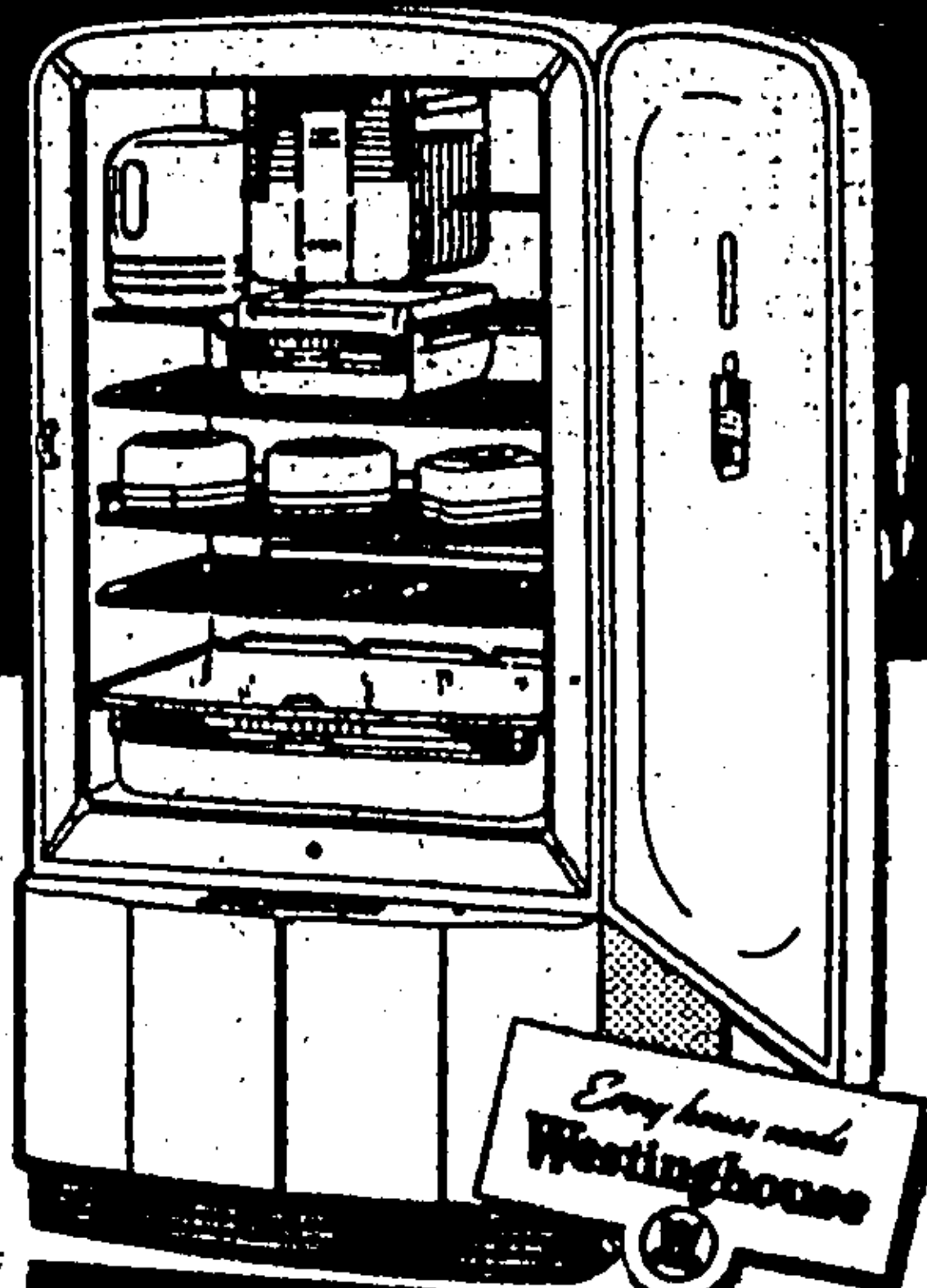
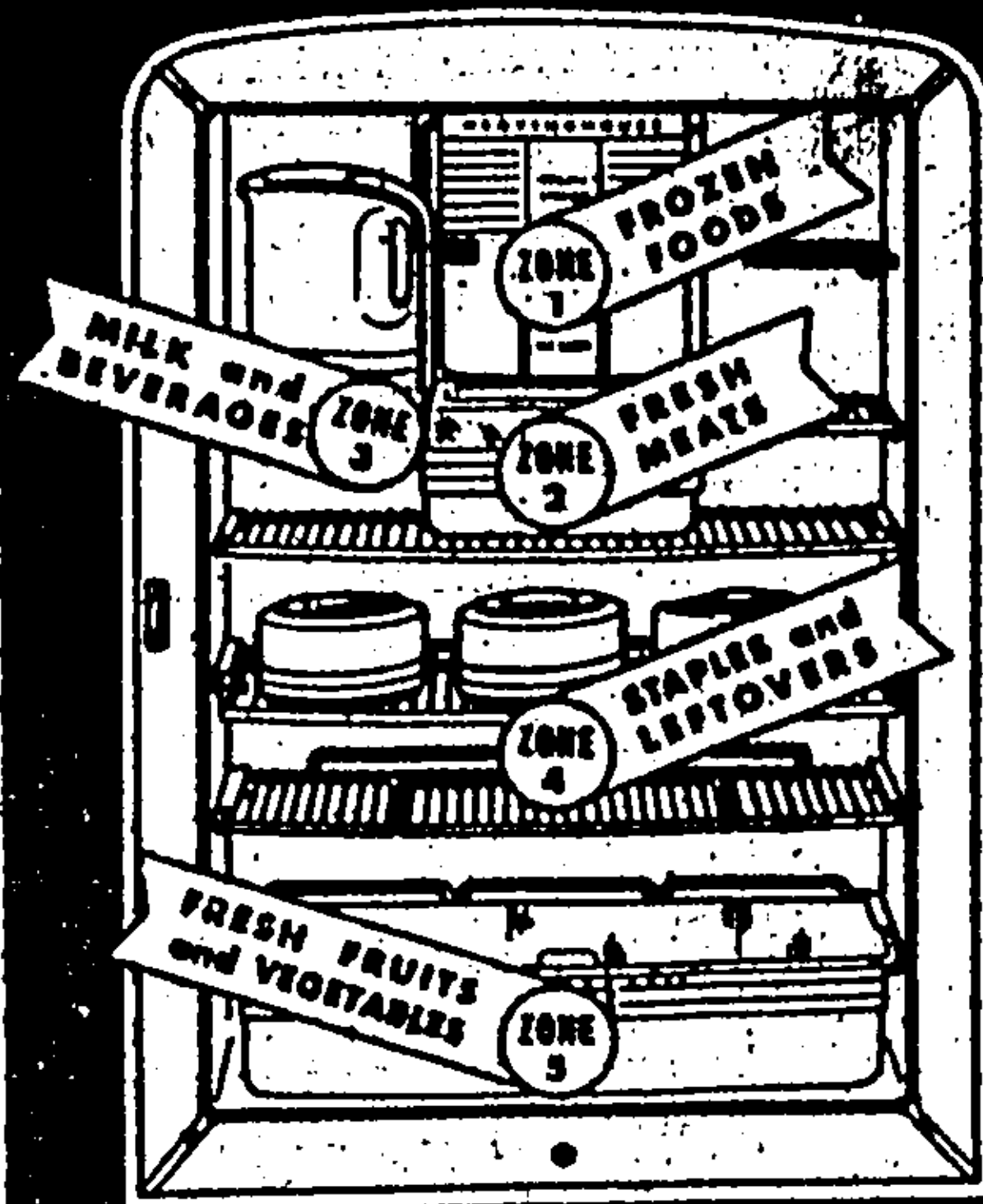
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SHORT STORY

ROMANCE

By
Barbara Cartland

Lady Revlington sat trembling in her corner of the jolting coach. Her eyes stared ahead of her and she was conscious with every nerve in her body of Sir Charles' presence, of his large coarse hands grasping his jeweled headed stick, and of his dark eyes, heavily ringed with purple, lines of dissipation, which seemed to compel her to glance every now and then towards him, whether she would or not.

Echoing still in her ears were the cries of farewell of her family and the cheers of the tenants as they had driven away down the long ill-kept drive of the home she had known and loved for nearly eighteen years. It was with the greatest difficulty that she had prevented herself from crying out and refusing to go away with her bridegroom when the moment for their departure had arrived, and yet even the momentary panic which had seized her as she had come rustling down the stairs in her new silk dress was not so agonising as the slow misery which was creeping over her now as the full realisation of what she had done penetrated her mind.

Yet what choice had she? There was her father, ill, practically bankrupt, and still gambling; her mother, fighting to keep up appearances and to save the estate from the bailiffs; and her brother away overseas with his regiment. There was no one to whom she could turn, no one who could save her from what seemed to the outside world a brilliantly successful marriage.

Half the women at St. James' would have been only too delighted to be in her shoes—that she knew. Sir Charles was rich, he was powerful, he was a friend of the king, and what was more he was in love with her. Yet she knew that she hated him, hated the husband to whom she had pledged her vows but an hour before.

The bridegroom took out his snuff-box, sniffed, flicked a few grains of snuff from his satin sleeve with a lace handkerchief, and then put out his hand towards his bride. A small growl arrested him, and two rows of sharp teeth and a pair of bright eyes appeared from among the ribbons, laces, and flowers of my lady's corsage.

"By my faith," said Sir Charles, "I did not know that yapping mongrel had accompanied us."

"He is a very dear companion, my lord," faltered his bride in trembling tones.

She put her hands round the tiny animal and drew it back under the folds of her mantle. The nervous flush which stained her pale cheeks was exceedingly becoming, and when she raised her blue eyes again to her husband he bent forward towards her.

Almost in spite of herself she shrank from him violently and then his hand came out to hold her. There was a startled movement, a sharp growling snarl, and the dog's teeth met in the plump well-nourished flesh of Sir Charles' hand.

He ejaculated an oath, and then almost before his wife was conscious of what was happening he had seized the dog and with a sharp, quick, movement, had brought the heavy jewelled stick down on its head.

The dog gave one whimper and lay still. With a smothered shriek Lady Revlington stretched out anguished hands, but it was too late.

"How dare you! my lord," she cried, "How dare you," and then horror and a sense of helplessness overcame her and tears gathered in her eyes and trickled slowly down her cheeks.

"Gad! But must a man be bitten by a cur on his wedding day?" Sir Charles answered, wiping the drops of blood from his hand with his handkerchief. "He was all I had," the bride whispered, her lips trembling, but she said it so low that Sir Charles did not hear.

"And a bride, madame," he continued, "needs no other dear companion than her husband. Come now."

Her shoulders were so rigid against the cushions of the coach that it seemed as one or the other must give. She held her breath tightly, and even the trembling of her mouth was stilled as she watched him bend nearer and nearer towards her. Two terrified hands fluttered supplicatingly, as a piece of Dresden china might attempt to stem a flood, and then—

"Stand and deliver," cried a voice, and the coach pulled up with a jerk.

Through the window appeared two heavy pistols held by shapely hands, the wrists veiled in valuable lace protruding from a richly embroidered coat. There was a smiling mouth beneath a black mask and a glimpse of fair hair under a black cocked hat.

Sir Charles sat staring at the pistols, his jaw drooping, his fingers twitching against his formidable stick, but the bride, after the first quick breath, felt curiously unafraid, even relieved.

"By the Gods! a honeymoon couple," said the highway man gaily, seeing the crumpled rose petals on the floor of the coach and the white flowers pinned against the bride's breast.

"You shall pay for this outrage," stormed Sir Charles. "What the hell are my servants doing? Hi, varlets, help."

The highwayman laughed and moved a little from the aperture of the window. Past his shoulder Sir Charles could see his coachmen being tied to adjacent tree trunks by another masked man.

"I must beg of you, Sir and Madame," said the highwayman with a sweeping bow, "to step into the roadway and allow my man to search under the seat for your valuables."

"Damnation!" cursed Sir Charles, who had himself concealed various costly wedding presents in that place of considered safety.

"Sir, your wife is present," rebuked the highwayman, opening the door.

Pushing past his wife, swearing and oathing, his hands ignominiously above his head, Sir Charles descended. Even his own servants smiled a little at his discomfiture. He was a hard master, and a bully being bullied appeals all the world over.

Lady Revlington paused to pick up the small body of her dog from the floor of the coach. It had been hidden hitherto beneath the stiff folds of her

silk dress, but now she raised it, holding it against her laces, tears blinding her eyes so that she put out her hand tremblingly for support and found it clasped in a strong, warm grasp.

"You are in distress, Madame?" said a kind voice.

Confidentially, instinctively, she held out the tiny corpse.

"Is he quite dead?" she asked.

The highwayman felt the small body with knowledgeable hands and then he looked at the bruised and battered head.

"Who has dared?" he said angrily, and then stopped. "I am afraid you have lost a friend," he said very gently, and turned sharply to where Sir Charles stood fuming and oathing, guarded by the masked accomplice.

"Tie him up," the highwayman commanded sternly, and Sir Charles' protests were in vain as he was bound ignominiously beside his own servants.

When he was completely helpless the highwayman slipped the pistols into the holster at his waist.

"Would you like to bury your friend?" he asked, and Lady Revlington raised grateful eyes.

"I should be happier, Sir," she answered, "were it possible."

With a carriage tool they made a small deep hole and regardless of time and the raging of Sir Charles the bride wrapped her "dear companion" in a dainty shift from her own box of wedding finery. Taking her bridal bouquet from the coach she scattered it as a fragrant lining for the tiny grave, and then the highwayman covered it with the soft soil and, taking a smooth stone, wrote the date and set it at the head.

Dusk was falling when they had finished, and then with her eyes still wet with tears the bride rose from her knees.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart," she said, and even as she spoke she glanced apprehensively over her shoulder. She knew only too well how little pity, how little mercy she herself might expect in the future, and her married life loomed ahead like a nightmare, a thing of horror from which she could never escape.

She put out her hand instinctively to thank the highwayman and he felt her fingers tremble in his and knew she was afraid.

"May we dine together before we part?" he said. I see a monstrous basket of food strapped on your coach, and I am very hungry. Oh," he continued as she hesitated, "you have but to speak and your husband shall be restored to his proper place."

He did not miss the terror in her eyes or the shudder which shook her, yet she smiled up at him bravely.

"It would be inhospitable after your kindness, Sir, to leave you hungry."

At the highwayman's command the other masked man, who wore the respectable garments of a servant, carried down the heavy basket and set it in a leafy grove some distance from the blaspheming of the imprisoned Sir Charles, and the surprised surveillance of the servants. He laid out a gallant spread beneath a great oak tree and Lady Revlington sank gratefully onto the carriage cushions which he also brought and laid on the mossy ground. The highwayman divided a bottle of wine and a pie also for his man's supper and motioned him aside to share his portion with the coachmen.

Sir Charles had grown hoarse with shouting and swearing, including all in his anger, even his wife. Now he was out of their sight and they could hardly hear him, and with a shy gesture, as the highwayman stood as if awaiting her commands, Lady Revlington invited him to sit beside her.

He sat down, and for a brief moment they both stared at each other, and then with a quick movement he removed his mask and she found herself looking into a young and very handsome face, clean shaven, with a kind but firm mouth and dark grey eyes that seemed to hold a glint of laughter in their depths.

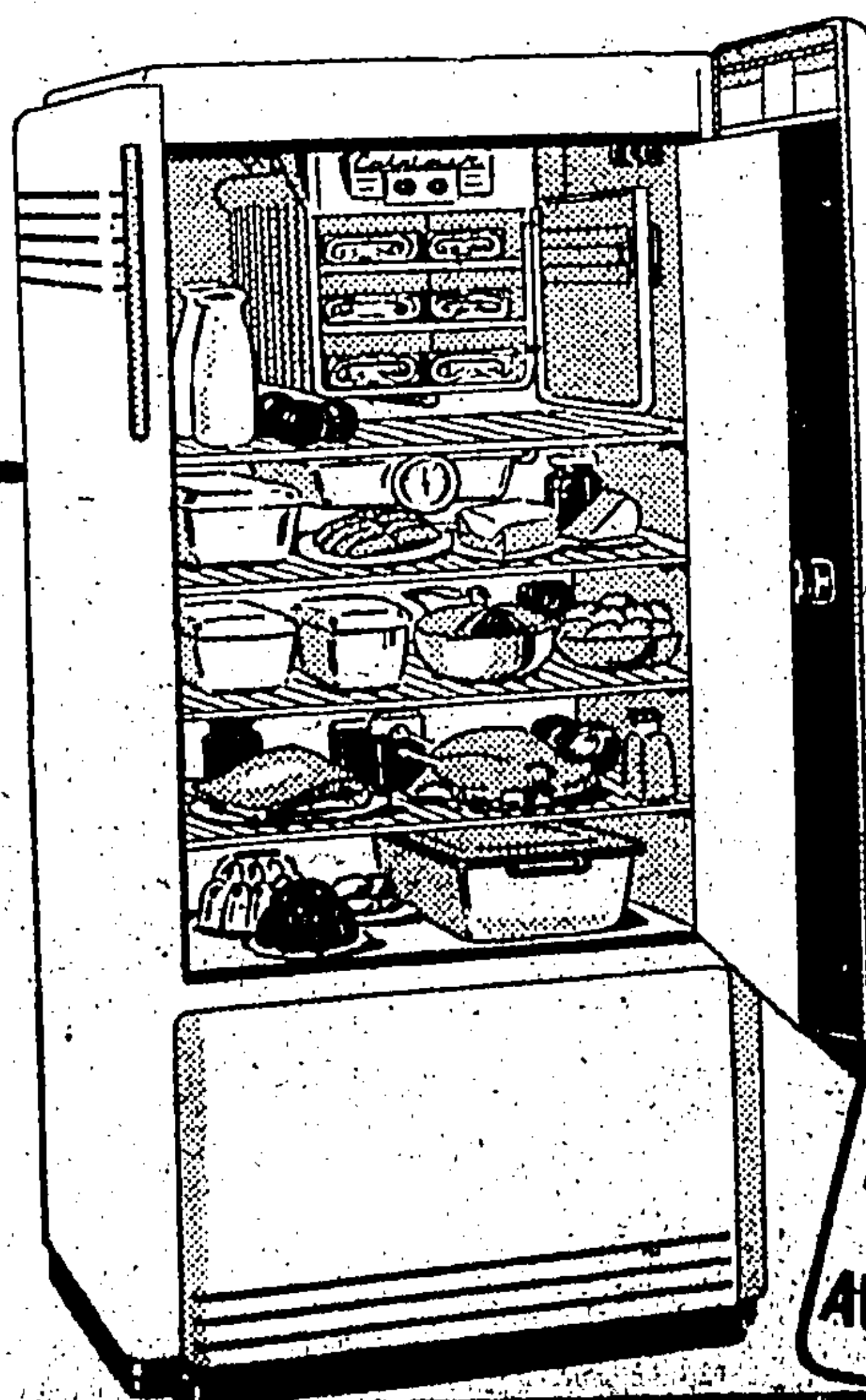
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ROMANCE

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For a moment she looked at him wide-eyed, and then she blushed and looked away.

"You are not frightened, Madame?" he asked, and it seemed to her that his voice held a caressing note, but instead of being afraid, her breath seemed only to quicken so that a white hand was raised to still the tumult of the laces at her throat.

"Not now, Sir," she replied, and he had to bend his unpowdered head to hear her answer, for it was scarce above a whisper.

As they ate the moon rose round and silver behind the dark trees, the lanterns threw a golden light on the leaf strewn ground, the silence of the woods was magic round them, and the breeze, warm and sensuous, whispered of happiness.

They scarcely spoke, and yet it seemed that so much was mentioned between them; they scarcely ate, and yet the food seemed delicious.

"Why do you ply such a trade?" she questioned.

"Life was incredibly dull," he answered, "and the lure of the open road is a glorious adventure. I was lonely and bored, yet there is an old house not so many miles from here, oak-beamed and lavender scented, that awaits its master. Or maybe it is a mistress that it lacks."

"Don't the stairs creak with the soft footsteps of bygone mistresses?" she asked dreamily.

"Their dresses rustle in the passages, their sweet scent clings to the old tapestries, I hear the soft murmur of their gentle voices and glimpse the glister of their bare shoulders as they pass to and fro. It is not enough. I would have tangible arms around my neck, living lips warm and breathing against mine. . . ." He stopped short.

There was no need for further words. Youth, beauty, and the moonlight . . . it was all told. There was a quick intake of her breath, the wonder of her eyes, and the unthinking surrender of her hands. She felt his lips on her fingers and she knew—at last she knew, what life, happiness and love were meant to mean.

For a long time they sat quite still and then slowly he dropped her hands and rose to his feet. With death in her heart the bride felt that somehow this was the end, and yet she could not cry out, could not ask him to spare her the future, or even pray that she might die now in the happiest moment of her life.

Without a word the highwayman rose and went across to Sir Charles. He cut his bonds and then handed him a glass of wine.

The stimulant restored the numbed circulation and loosened the blasphemous tongue.

"I will have you hung for this, thief. His majesty's soldiers shall scour the country until they find you. As for my wife. . . ." He paused, for the highwayman moved towards him with a menacing gesture.

"Silence, Sir," he said, "You and I will cross swords. We fight for our lives. There is to be no quarter."

"A duel?" Sir Charles questioned, and then he smiled for the first time for many hours. It was a crafty, evil smile, holding no humour. He well knew his own merits in a duel. He was counted one of the finest swordsmen at St. James', and his dissipated, lust-lined eyes gleamed through the shadows at his opponent.

"My bride, fellow," he said "will sleep the better in my arms for the thought of your demise."

There was a little cry of protest from Lady Revlington, and the highwayman took her arm and drew her to one side.

"Be brave, my darling," he said very gently. "It is the only way."

For a moment he held her hand in his, and then as if he dare not trust himself even to kiss it, he left her.

Sir Charles ignored his bride, slapping his arms, stamping his feet, and testing the long steel rapier he held in his hand. Very slowly, without a backward glance, Lady Revlington moved a little way into the wood and there she sank on her knees in prayer.

The moon shone on a strange sight—the steely flash of rapiers, white shirts, and the still whiter faces of

FUTURE UNPREDICTABLE
SAYS CHAIRMAN OF UNION
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"UNDERWRITERS HAVE WRITTEN a large amount of war risk business outside the scope of the Government scheme, but it is impossible at this time to estimate the probable outcome, since severe losses have already been incurred and the future is unpredictable," said Mr. G. Miskin, chairman, at the annual meeting to-day of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited. The meeting was followed by the annual meetings of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.

Mr. Miskin was supported by Messrs. S. H. Dodwell, J. Owen Hughes, K. S. Morrison, and H. V. Wilkinson, directors, and A. W. Hughes, general manager.

At the Union Insurance Co. meeting, the chairman said:—

Since our last meeting you will have learned of the death of our late general manager, Mr. Paul Lauder. Mr. Lauder rendered invaluable service to the Society from the time he joined its service in 1900 until his retirement as general manager in 1934. From that time until his death he was a member of our London Committee where his knowledge of the society's affairs was of great assistance to his colleagues. As he was intimately known to so many here to-day I am sure you will join me in an expression of deepest regret at his passing.

I regret also having to report the death of our Melbourne manager, Mr. G. Beresford Cairnes. While Mr. Cairnes had been with the Society but a relatively few years he had proved himself an efficient officer. Through his death the Society has suffered a severe loss.

A general review of underwriting conditions during 1939 within the time available to me must necessarily omit much that has taken place. The early months provided many problems, but these sank into insignificance in September when the European War actually broke out. Prior thereto your directors had been concerned regarding the Society's marine business and the possible effect of unrestricted submarine and aerial warfare against shipping; a like anxiety on the part of all insurance companies led in the early part of the year to the formation in London of the War Risk Cargo Pool.

On the outbreak of war this Pool terminated and was replaced, for certain voyages, by the War Risks Insurance Office operated by the Government. It was to be expected that there would be initial difficulties in a plan of this kind, but these were overcome, and it has since run smoothly and now provides the protection required by shippers at a reasonable cost.

SEVERE LOSSES
Underwriters have written a large amount of war risk business outside the scope of the government scheme, but it is impossible at this time to estimate the probable outcome, since severe losses have already been incurred and the future is unpredictable.

In the ordinary marine market, efforts made early in the year to improve Hull rates met with substantial success and there was every hope that the outstandingly unfavourable experience of 1937 and 1938 would be improved upon. Present indications are that this hope will not materialize as casualties due to navigation under war conditions have been numerous and settlements on the 1939 Account may be heavy.

desperate men strained and alert. The servants watched like ghosts, immobile and silent. There was the ringing sound of clashing steel, the rustle of quick moving feet on the dry leaves, the grunting heavy breathing of Sir Charles, and then a sudden cry which broke the night and echoed for the moment round the sentinel trees.

"I dare not look. Oh God, I dare not look." Lady Revlington clasped her fingers until they hurt one another. It seemed as if all the breath left her body, as if her ears were strained until she must swoon if the tension did not break.

Then there was a footfall behind her and she found herself lifted in strong arms. She did not see the still, covered figure left behind in the darkness. Two twinkling eyes held hers prisoner, the moon was behind his head and like a great halo it dazzled her, while happiness thrillingly bewildered her.

He carried her a short distance and then lifted her onto the saddle of his horse. He vaulted up beside her and held her once again in his arms, so that her head fell against his shoulder. "Is this a dream?" she murmured against his neck, and then they were for a moment silhouetted against the sky line.

"No, my heart, this is romance," came his answer, and they rode away into the moonlight.

Our own experience was not unsatisfactory. Marine premium at £1,099,237, 2s. 6d. was substantially higher than in 1938, due in a large measure to war risk income. Claims paid on account of 1939 were £230,048, 14s. 11d. or some £22,000 higher than in 1938, which was to be expected in view of the larger income. In closing off the 1938 account we have been able to reserve £100,180, 6s. 7d. to meet subsequent losses on that year and to transfer £50,000 to profit and loss account.

The full effects of the war on fire underwriting are not yet discernible, but in the United Kingdom particularly the Government control of practically all commodities has diverted very large insurable values from their normal channels. There are indications that the Government is reconsidering its attitude in this connection and will insure certain of the commodities in future. Apart from the war, the general experience in the fire field was reasonably good. In the United Kingdom and the United States the fire wastage reached higher figures than in recent years, but claims ratios in other countries were satisfactory.

FIRE INCOME
Our own fire income was slightly less than last year and the claims ratio at 45.21% was higher, but the transfer of £50,000 to profit and loss account is satisfactory.

Accident business has had its own particular troubles, and over all I imagine the margin of profit cannot have shown an improvement over last year.

Our experience reflects the general difficulties and the amount transferred from the accident and general account to profit and loss, at £5,000 was less than last year. We are still seeking improvement in the unprofitable sections, and are hopeful of eventual success.

In the profit and loss account, after making provision for dividend requirements and transferring £30,000 to underwriting suspense account, there is a balance carried forward of £302,045, 1s. 6d. In authorising an interim dividend of 12/6d per share in November, your directors were influenced largely by the contingency guarantee claims to which reference has been made at previous meetings, and the uncertainty of the effect the war would have on our affairs. The recommendation now before you of a final dividend of 12/6 per share is governed

largely by the same factors plus the desirability of keeping the distribution within an amount approximating the interest earned.

So far as the contingency guarantee claims are concerned, I am able to state that the losses in which we were involved have been adjusted and payment made. This unfortunate loss was severe and heavier than could reasonably have been anticipated. It is however now finally disposed of with the exception of certain amounts to be received as salvages and recoveries.

WAR INTERFERENCE

Development plans for our recently acquired subsidiary, the British Oak Insurance Co., Ltd., have been interfered with by the war. Encouraging progress was being made up to September, but the general dislocation since that date plus heavy expenses incurred in transferring the business and staff from London to the country, has retarded the hoped-for expansion. Our Canadian subsidiary the Beaver Fire Insurance Co., is still a small company, and the distractions of the year have prevented concentration upon its development. Attention will be given to this matter as soon as circumstances permit.

I cannot close without expressing the keen appreciation felt by your directors for the devoted work of the staff during the recent months of stress and difficulty. At head office and all branches, the staff have willingly responded to the extra calls made upon them. Particularly I wish to thank the London staff who, with little warning, were transferred from their normal life among family and friends to surroundings that, for a time at least, provided many discomforts and much inconvenience. The unusual difficulties were accepted without complaint and the customary efficiency of the staff has been steadfastly maintained. I am sure you will join in the board's appreciation of their good work.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

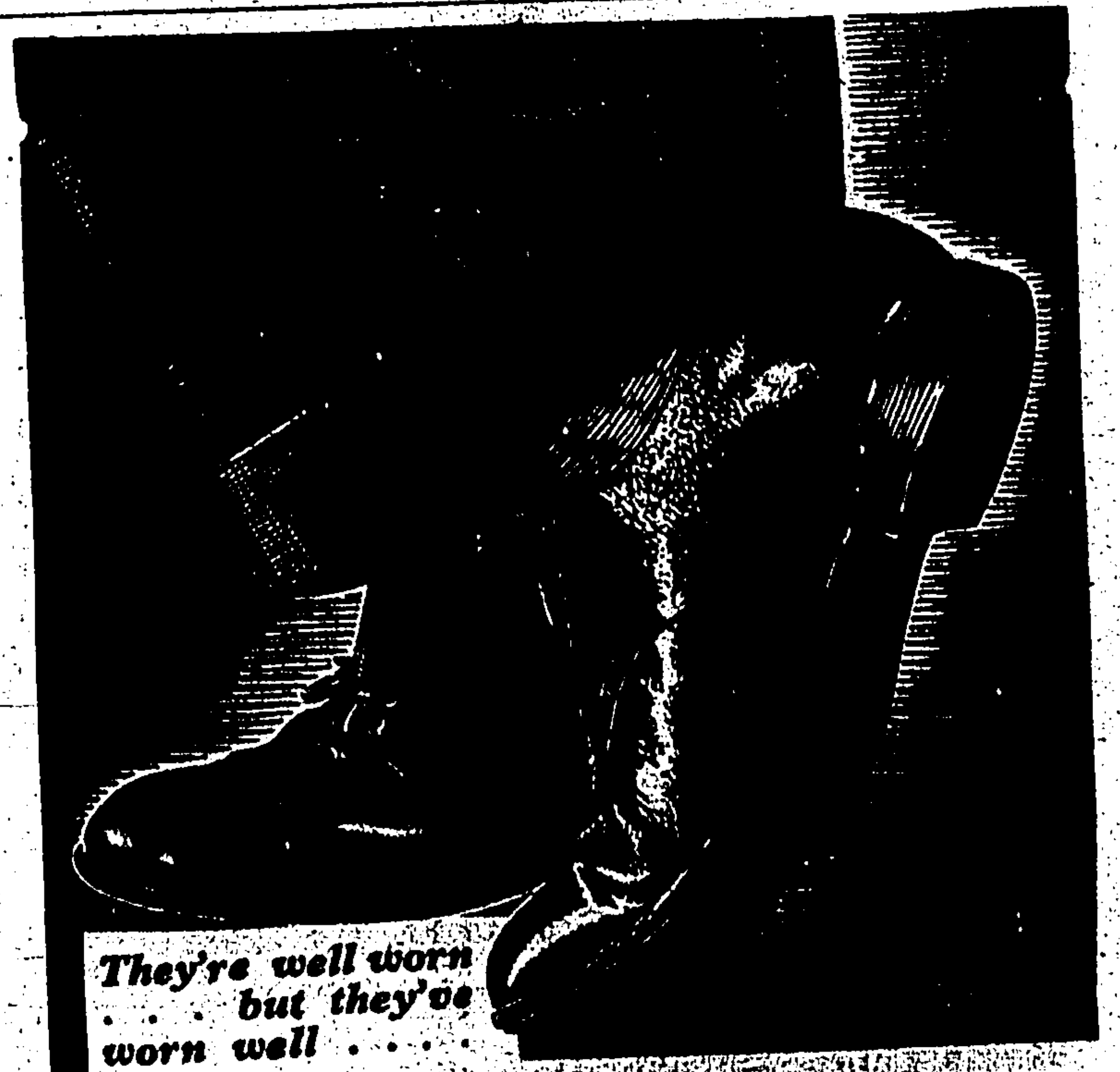
Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. M. H. Turner said:—
I am sure that we all wish to associate ourselves with the remarks of the chairman as to the deep regret we feel at the passing of Mr. Lauder and Mr. Cairnes, both of whom have rendered valuable assistance in directing the affairs of the Society.

In the past we have been accustomed to listen with interest to the remarks of the chairman on world conditions and only last year the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell in referring to the year 1937 and the early part of 1938 stressed the difficulties which an organization such as ours then had to contend with.

As stated to-day by your chairman, the problems arising in the first half of 1939 sank into insignificance, last September and it is gratifying to note that in the light of existing conditions our marine underwriting results are not unsatisfactory and this is so although present indications are that settlements on the 1939 Account may be heavy.

Having regard to the world-wide conditions prevailing for the period under review.

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NEW N.Y.K. LINER ARRIVES

The "Nitta Maru," aboard which a cocktail party is being held this evening, is one of the three new Maru liners specially built by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for their Suez route from Japan to London.

According to Mr. Y. Yazima, Resident Manager of the N.Y.K., this newest addition to the famous fleet has a gross register tonnage of 17,200 tons, a speed of 22½ knots, and a normal S.H.P. of 21000. Built by the well-known Mitsubishi Dockyards at Nagasaki, and entirely of Japanese construction, she is 180 metres in length, 22½ metres in width, and has a depth of 12.4 metres.

Pronounced by foreign critics during her trial runs to be the finest example of Japanese yards, she is distinguished by complete air-conditioning in the entire First Class, and also in all public rooms. In having constructed a vessel of such appreciable proportions, with a carrying capacity of only 127 in First Class, 88 in Second and 70 in Third, it has been the desire of N.Y.K. to enhance their present fleet with ships designed primarily for passenger comfort. With this in mind, the cabins will be found most spacious, the deck space unusually wide for promenading and sports, and also wider corridors throughout. The vessel will have a cargo capacity of 11,800 tons, with the latest features to facilitate despatch of cargo.

The swimming pool is located on the Sun Deck, together with the gymnasium and sports deck. The Promenade Deck has been devoted to the Dining Room, Smoking Room, Reading and Writing Rooms, Lounge, and Observation Verandah. With the majority of the First Class cabins having either a bath and toilet or shower and toilet, the vessel is admirably well equipped to meet the demands of today's ultra-fastidious travelling public. An important feature in the decorative scheme of the ship is the modern Japanese motif; a departure from the traditional orthodox and classic Japanese art motifs. Basic colours in a mellow tone have been used, and those which suggest a feeling of coolness. An elaborate electric-lighting system further enhances the architectural animation and splendour of the public rooms.

After spending overnight in Hong Kong, she will proceed to Manila, which will be the terminus of her future Trans-Pacific voyages, as she will not be placed in the Suez berth probably until the war is over. She will return from Manila and will proceed on her voyage to the Los Angeles terminus, calling en route at Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco. Reported to be even at this early date almost completely booked for the first voyage, she is also rapidly being booked for the second voyage from here to America during the third week in July.

The second of three sister-

QUAKE SHOCK AT KUNMING

Chungking, To-day.

Kunming experienced an earthquake at 2 a.m. yesterday, according to messages received from the city last night.

The tremors lasted for a minute.

Whether any damage was caused has not yet been ascertained. — Our Own Correspondent.

STAVANGER BOMBINGS

London, To-day.

It is learned authoritatively that during Wednesday night's raid on Stavanger a large number of hits was registered on many parts of the aerodrome.

Several fires were started on the landing ground and in the adjoining woods where aircraft were known to be concealed.

The raid on Fornebu airport, near Oslo, was made by bombers which attacked singly and baffled the defences by attacking from varying heights.

In addition to repeated hits on the aerodrome three large fires were started by incendiary bombs.—Reuter.

DEATH OF MR. CHAN SAU TING

The death occurred at his Ying Fai Terrace home yesterday of Mr. Chan Sau Ting, who was connected with shipping in Hong Kong for over forty years.

He was 65, was in the employ of Messrs. Siemssen & Co. and Melchers & Co. for many years, and later commander of the s.s. "Heung Shan" formerly of Hong Kong, Canton & Macau Steamboat Co., Ltd.

He is survived by a brother, Chan Wai Ting, a sister, four sons, five daughters and five grand-children.

The eldest son Chan Wai Kuen is Assistant Chinese Agent of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. and director of the Hotel Cecil, Ltd.; the second son, Chan Wai Chuen is Manager and director of Hotel Cecil, Ltd. and director of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Taxicab Co., Ltd.; the third and fourth sons are on the staff respectively of the South West Transportation Co. and Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co.

The funeral will take place tomorrow.

ships will be seen in Hong Kong near the end of the year, and the third will be placed in service next Spring.

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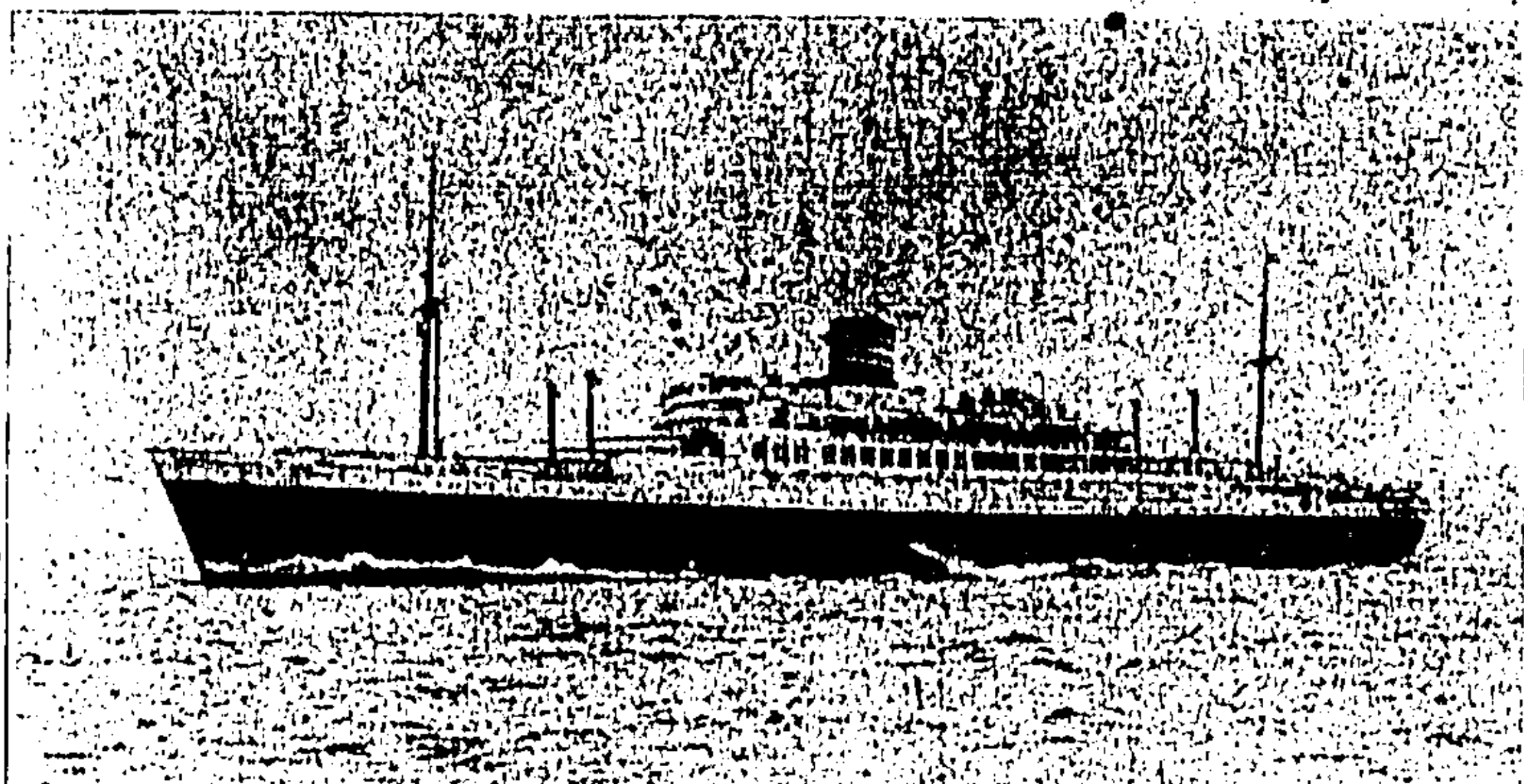
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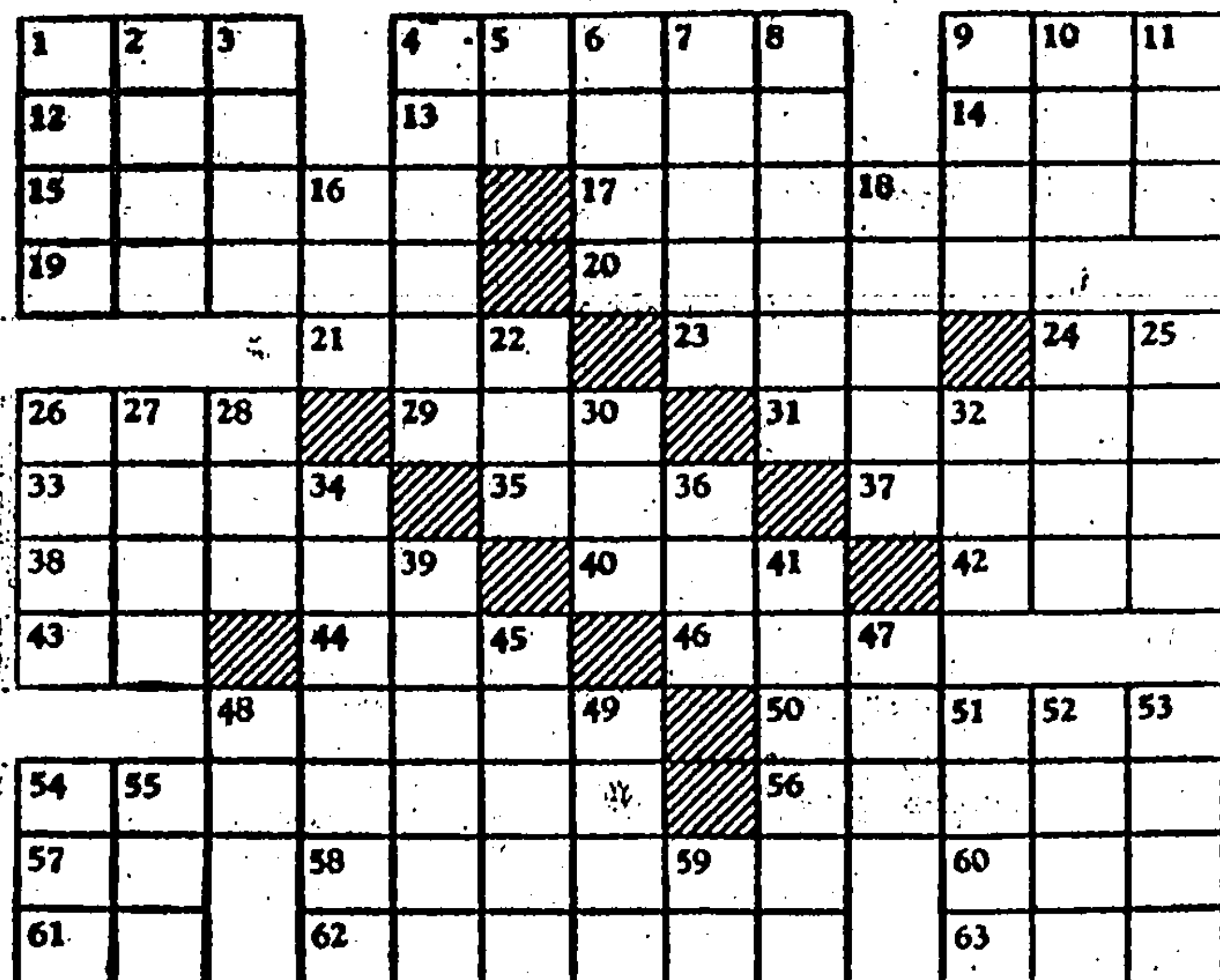
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- 9 Palm leaf
- 12 To lubricate
- 13 To conjecture
- 14 Sped
- 15 Tilled land
- 17 To allure
- 19 Part of fortress
- 20 Mephistopheles
- 21 Trap
- 23 Tennis score
- 24 Since
- 26 Bounder
- 29 To call
- 31 To attain
- 33 Exclamation
- 35 To follow
- 37 Stringed instrument
- 38 Massachusetts city
- 40 Tucker
- 42 Carmen
- 43 Article
- 44 Beverage
- 46 Burmese demon
- 48 Comrades
- 50 Bears
- 54 To make ready

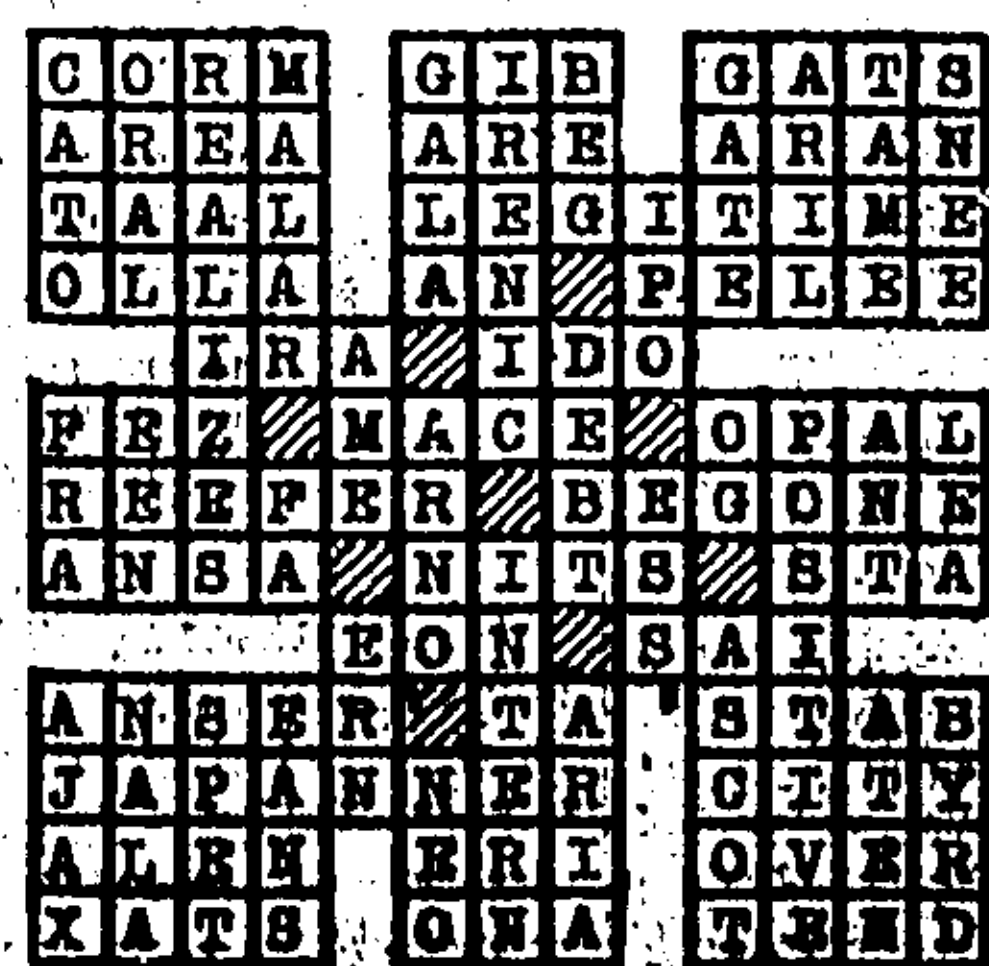
VERTICAL

- 56 To cast
- 57 Hawaiian bird
- 58 To hire
- 60 To write
- 61 Printer's measure
- 62 Cubic meters
- 63 Finish
- 1 Animal
- 2 Ireland
- 3 Content
- 4 Lamented
- 5 Over
- 6 Inlets
- 7 Pedestals
- 8 Epistle
- 9 Algerian seaport

10 One hundred thousand rupees

- 11 Insect
- 16 Crow-like bird
- 18 South American rodent
- 22 To bloom
- 24 Land measure
- 25 Hutch
- 26 Spanish house
- 27 Wolfhound
- 28 Split pulse
- 30 To cut short
- 32 City in Scotland
- 34 Mexican shawls
- 36 Hoisting-machine
- 39 One that undergoes changes
- 41 Washes
- 45 To unite
- 47 Digit
- 48 Pronoun
- 49 To scorch
- 51 To bind
- 52 Impartial
- 53 To remit
- 54 American poet
- 55 Gypsy
- 59 Earth goddess

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY

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view, I am certain that shareholders will consider that the results of fire underwriting are satisfactory. The same may be said with regard to the accident and general departments which again for the second year shows a profit in place of the losses which were previously incurred for some years on this account.

I am sure that the shareholders of the Society will endorse the recommendation of the directors as to the final dividend for the year 1939 thereby adopting a conservative policy owing to uncertainty as to the future particularly as regards the returns on our investments. Legislation at home has already been enacted to restrict dividends.

During the last two years our chairman in his annual speech has referred to the contingency guarantee claims and although it has turned out that the finalization of these claims has proved heavier than was anticipated, it is gratifying to know that they have at last been settled and no longer need be taken into account in considering the future prospects of our Society.

IN BRITISH ISLES

It is extremely difficult in these days even for an insurance company of the standing of the Society to extend its business into areas already the monopoly of others and it was mainly to overcome this that the Society acquired the British Oak Insurance Co., Ltd., which has a potential field for development in Great Britain. Up to the outbreak of War it is gratifying to note that results shown from such acquisition were satisfactory and I have no doubt in my mind that subsequent events will prove the wisdom of our having made this purchase.

We fully support the remarks made in regard to the work of the Society's staff throughout the world and particularly appreciate the response of our London staff to the extra calls made upon them through the necessary transfer to a place outside London. In this connection I venture to

suggest that the experience gained by big organizations who, at the outbreak of war, transferred their records and the greater portion of their clerical staff to the country where rents are lower and living conditions healthier may very well induce them to continue after the war to maintain a country office where the records will be kept and the routine clerical work carried on. As a result only the executive of such organizations will remain in London with a consequent reduction in overhead charges and benefit to all concerned.

China Fire

At the China Fire Insurance Co. meeting, the chairman said:—

The 1938 marine account has been closed off by transferring the sum of \$204,437.24 to the reserve for outstanding losses, while a sum of \$100,640.34 has been transferred to profit and loss account.

From the fire and accident and general accounts the sums of \$83,381.34 and \$10,084.03 respectively have also been transferred to profit and loss account.

So far as the balance sheet figures are concerned, you will notice that the totals show a substantial increase over the previous year. This is due to exchange, a larger amount of cash on deposit and current accounts, and an increase in the amount of sundry debtors and branch and agency balances.

The increase in the amount owing to us is accounted for by the larger marine premium income written.

Your directors recommend a dividend of \$12 per share and a bonus dividend of \$6 per share, the same as last year.

British Traders

At the British Traders' Insurance Co. meeting, the chairman said:—

The marine account for 1938 has been closed off by the transfer of the sum of £22,817.14.4. to the outstanding loss reserve to meet subsequent claims, while a sum of £11,250 has been transferred to profit and loss account.

The sums of £11,500 and £1,125 respectively have been transferred from the fire and accident and general accounts to profit and loss account.

The marine income shows a substantial increase. This is largely accounted for by war risk business, the outcome of which it is of course quite impossible to forecast.

Turning to the balance sheet, I would draw your attention to the fact that the reinsurance fund now stands at a round figure of £200,000, the balance over and above that amount having been transferred to exchange and investment fluctuation account which now stands at a substantial figure of over £40,000.

Your directors recommend the payment of a dividend of 7s.0d. per share, being the same as last year.

At all three meetings, Messrs. J. Owen Hughes and H. V. Wilkinson were re-elected directors and Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis re-appointed auditors.

ROYAL TOUR OF WAR INDUSTRIES

London, To-day.

Continuing their tour of South Lancashire, the King and Queen yesterday visited more armament factories, where they saw tanks in all stages of construction. They later watched one tank being put through a test run.

They spent Wednesday night in the Royal Train at the side of Lake Windermere.—Reuter.

JAPANESE NANCHANG OFFENSIVE REPULSED

Chungking, To-day.
The Chinese military spokesman, in the course of the weekly review of the military situation, told the press that the Japanese counter-offensive in the area west of Nanchang had been repulsed.

Although the Japanese rushed reinforcements into the area five times, their attempt to capture Chingan and Fengsin had failed. Both cities are once more in Chinese hands, the spokesman said.

Japanese reports of heavy fighting in areas near the Hupeh-Hunan-Kiangsi borders were ridiculed by the spokesman, who said the situation there was "as quiet as in Chungking."

No major operations in the Tungting Lake area were expected.

Chinese troops frequently attack Japanese trains on the Canton-Hankow railway north of the station of Yochow. Major-General Ikeda was killed in one of these attacks, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

In South Shansi, both Linchwan and Yangcheng which fell into Japanese hands on April 23 and 24, have been recaptured. The Chinese forces have now advanced toward Tsincheng, the Japanese in the outskirts have been cleaned up and the Chinese are ready to launch a general attack on the city itself.

Following a lull, fighting in north Hupeh and south Honan has been renewed, according to field dispatches.

In the Chungsiang-Yangtzu sector in north Hupeh, the Japanese drive was repulsed with heavy losses.—Central News.

CURBING JAPANESE CONSUMPTION OF GOODS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Tokyo, To-day.

The Government's policy of aiming gradually to curb public consumption is at present being concentrated on the amusement and entertainment centres in Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Kobe, Nagoya and Yokohama.

The supply of commodities including such necessities as rice, bean, paste, sugar, charcoal, matches and miscellaneous cereals will be restricted to teahouses and restaurants in the gay quarters in the six big cities under a plan now being discussed by the Home Ministry, Industry Ministry and the Price Fixing Committee.—Havas.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

London silver was quoted at 21-1/2 spot and 21-3/8 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £-U.S.\$3.48-1/2.

BILIOUS?

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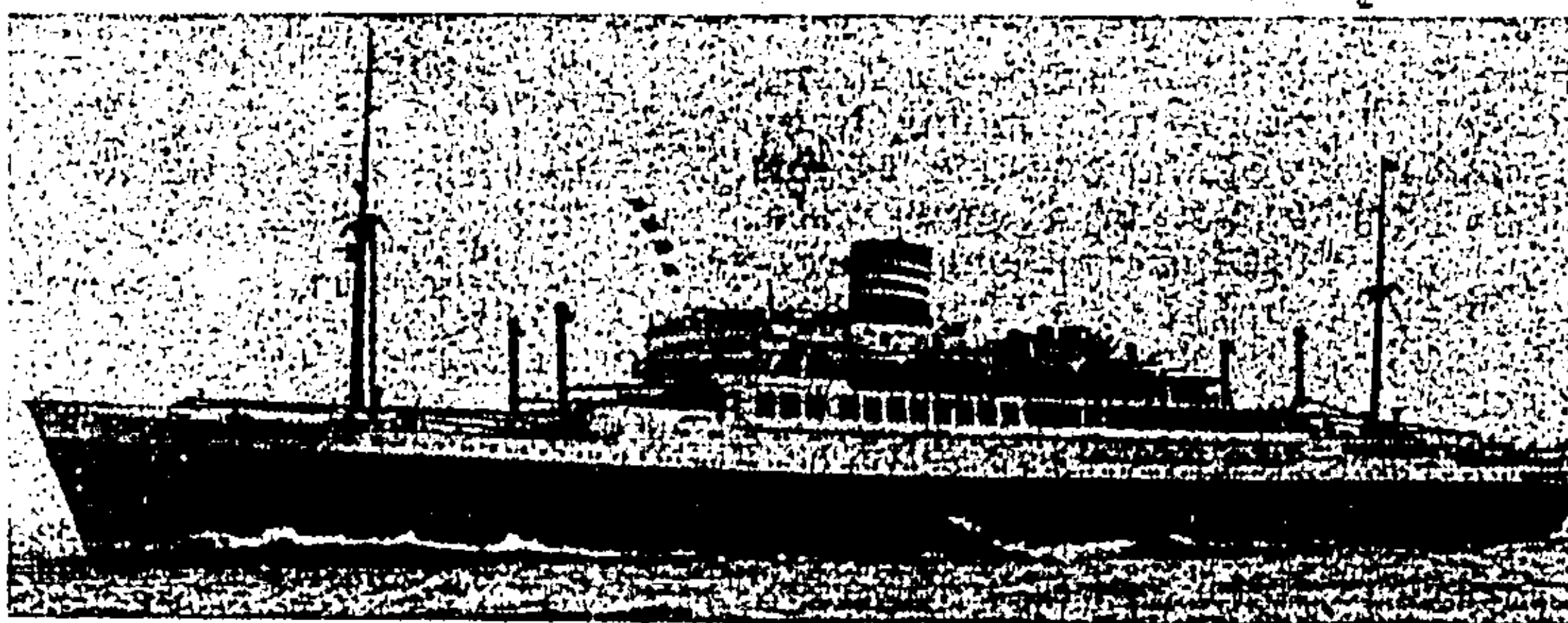
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The Wah Yan College team, winners of the Inter-School Sports.



The Wah Yan College team which won the 1,200-metres relay at the Inter-School Sports.



The new N.Y.K. luxury liner, Nitta Maru, which has arrived in Hong Kong on her maiden voyage.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

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Hong Kong Bank	\$1515 s.
INSURANCES	
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$171 b., \$175 s.
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H.K. Steamboats	\$11 b.
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H.K. Docks cum Rts.	\$22 s.
H.K. Docks Rights	\$6.60 b.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H.K. Lands	\$36½ b.
H.K. Realities	\$4.40 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H.K. Tramways	\$17.40 b.
Macao Electrics	\$21.10 sa.
STORES, &C.	
Watsons	\$9.15 b.
Lane, Crawfords	\$8¼ b.
Wm. Powell, Ltd.	\$1 b.
COTTON MILLS	
*Ewo Cottons Sh.	\$72.61½ sa., X.D.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Entertainments	\$7.10 b.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 103 sa.	
LAST DAY'S SALES	
5 H.K. Banks @	\$1515.
10 Union Ins. @	\$495.
100 H.K. Lands @	\$36½
\$1,000 Govt. 4% Loan @	\$103
MANILA SHARES	
Atamoks Ps.	11 sa.
Atoks Ps.	16¼ b.
Bagulo Gold Ps.	18½ sa.
Batong Buhay Ps.	.01 b.
Benguet Consol. Ps.	4.90 b.
Big Wedge Ps.	17½ sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	.08½ b.

Consol. Mines Ps.	.0025 b.
Demonstrations Ps.	.08 sa.
East Mindanao Ps.	.08½ sa.
I.X.L. Ps.	.31 sa.
Ipo Gold Ps.	.07½ sa.
Itogons Ps.	.20 sa.
Masbates Ps.	.07½ b.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps.	.08½ b.
Mine-Operation Ps.	.07½ sa.
North Camarines Ps.	.04 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps.	.15½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps.	.60 b.
Surigao Consol. Ps.	.17½ sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps.	.12 sa.
United Paracales Ps.	.21 sa.

CUT IN U.S. COPPER EXPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
LONDON, TO-DAY.

PUBLICATION OF STATISTICS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, SHOWING A CONSIDERABLE DROP IN COPPER EXPORTS TO RUSSIA, HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION IN ECONOMIC CIRCLES.

In January, the United States exported to Vladivostok 26,000 tons of copper while in March only 5,000 tons were exported.

It is concluded that Russia is concerned over the seizure of two of her vessels and has reduced the import of copper rather than risk having her ships subjected to the Allies contra-band control.

The Washington statistics revealed that American exports to Russia of tin and rubber have completely ceased, probably for the same reason.—Havas.

NO CONCRETE PROPOSALS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REPLYING TO MR. ATTLEE IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID A REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE TRADE AGREEMENT.

This reply, while not making any concrete proposals, indicated the general attitude of the Soviet Government.

It was being given the most careful consideration by the departments concerned with a view to discovering any way in which a trade agreement could be reached taking into account the war situation.—Reuter.

BRIGHTER ATMOSPHERE ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was brighter and more active yesterday owing to large investment interest. Gilt-edged securities advanced steadily; oils recovered after Wednesday's depression and industrials were irregular though showing numerous gains. Gold-minings were steady.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

QUEEN SENDS SOCKS FOR PRISONERS

London, To-day.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent 79 articles of clothing—including socks and pyjamas—to the Prisoners of War Department of the Red Cross in London. The articles will go to British prisoners of war in Germany.—Reuter.

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TENNIS

DOUBLES FINAL TO-DAY

Weather permitting the Colony tennis tournaments will wind up to-day with the doubles final and the distribution of prizes.

A great struggle is expected between the Tsui brothers, the holders, and the Rumjahn cousins, who have won the title on more occasions than any other pair.

On paper the Tsuis should win but after the match on Wednesday, when S. A. Rumjahn caused the biggest upset for years in beating Tsui Wai-pui, forecasting the result with any certainty becomes a risky proposition.

A capacity crowd is expected and enthusiasts are advised to book early. The match will start at 4.30.

HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

S. A. AND H. D. RUMJAHN
beat Lee Hua-kek and J. W. Leonard,
6-2, 6-3.
beat Pang Oi-lam and Leung Ping-chiu,
6-4, 6-4.
beat E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung,
6-2, 6-6, 6-3.
TSUI WAI-PUI AND TSUI YAN-PUI
beat S. A. Hussain and O. Rumjahn,
7-5, 6-4.
beat A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack,
6-2, 6-3.
beat J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios,
6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

Another Success For Pagh

M. Pagh (—30.3), Club champion, had little difficulty in disposing of Dr. A. H. Barwell (—1/6) by 8-6, 6-3, to win the Club Handicap Singles yesterday.

MACAO RACING PROSPECTS

(By "RAPIER")

MACAO JOCKEY CLUB will hold their May Meeting on Sunday, at the Areia Preta Race course, Macao, and, judging by the satisfactory entries received, a good day's sport is assured.

There are six events on the programme, four being over short distances, results of which will depend to a great extent on the start.

The S.S. "Tai Shan" will leave Hong Kong at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and will return from the Portuguese colony at 3.30 a.m. on Monday.

RACE NO. 1—"KWAN CHAP STAKES": ONE MILE

The day's programme opens with an event for China ponies classified by Macao Jockey Club as "Y" Class, with winners of this year barred. Weight 150 lbs., 2 lb. penalty for every \$50 or part thereof won in stakes since 1st January, 1940, and I expect to see all entries taking part.

Fairy Ousel (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming,) came in second to Hogmanay in the Chung Shan Stakes over six furlongs at the last meeting, and it has been penalised 4 lbs. as a result, and Fairy Auk (Mr. Pih), which was third in this race, has also gone up 2 lbs. As they will be running on equal terms on Sunday, and with the distance longer, I think Fairy Auk stands a good chance of reversing its last defeat, leaving the third position to be fought out between Coureur Bleu and Gold Clause.

RACE NO. 2—"WANCHAI STAKES": ONE MILE

This is another race confined to China ponies of Macao Jockey Club classified as "X" and "Y" Classes.

For its win in the Shekki Handicap, Shanghai 4 has been allotted the colossal weight of 170 lbs., and it can be safely disregarded. Rothsay Bay seems to be the likely winner as it came in second to Shanghai 4 in the above race, but Iron Knight may give it a close fight, probably avenging its half length defeat at the hands of Rothsay Bay at the last meeting. Hogmanay, winner of the Chung Shan Stakes at the April meeting, if again ridden by Mr. Ip Kui-ying, is quite capable of creating an upset.

RACE NO. 3—"MA KOK HANDICAP" (FIRST SECTION): HALF MILE

This is a sprint event and is confined to China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club as "E" Class at the date of entry. Judging from its third placing in the Taimoshan Handicap over six furlongs at the Valley at the Fourth Extra Meeting, Heddon (Mr. Wei) has the best recommendation for a win here and it will probably record the first win of its racing career. Dow-Jones (Mr. Yuen), winner of the Chinshan Handicap (Second Section), must also command attention as the distance is shorter. However, I feel that the most dangerous contender here is Sun-

shine Susie, if taken out by a strong jockey. Its chance of winning is by no means out of the question as this pony is quite fast in a sprint race. Wild Bear (Mr. Pih), although carrying 162 lbs., has also a chance here if given a good start. Heddon is my selection for a win, with Dow-Jones second and Sunshine Susie third.

RACE NO. 4—"NAM WAN HANDICAP": SIX FURLONGS

A perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for "D" Class China ponies, will reveal that we need not look further than Night View (Mr. Pih), winner of the Hin Wang Cup at the last meeting, to win again. As far as I can see, Night View's only opposition will come from Golden Cow (Mr. C. F. Chiu) with only 145 lbs. to carry, and an upset from this direction is possible. Gold Coin (Mr. Liang), which was third to Night View in the above race, may not be able to win, but it should be near at the finish. My nominations are Night View to win, with Golden Cow second and Gold Coin third.

RACE NO. 5—"MA KOK HANDICAP" (SECOND SECTION): HALF MILE

Second section "E" Class China ponies of Hong Kong Jockey Club will figure in this race, which is another sprint affair, and in view of its fine form in the Chinshan Handicap (Second Section), after throwing its jockey and running round the course before starting and finishing third, Mac's Adventure (Mr. Wei) should meet with no difficulty in accounting for this race. New Bedford (Mr. F. A. Sequeira), although second in this same race, will probably have to take second place again, and Persian Cat (Mr. Liang) should not find it too difficult to take the other minor position.

RACE NO. 6—"CONSOLATION STAKES": HALF MILE

This race, which will wind up the programme for the day, will be contested by Novice Jockeys on ponies classified by Macao Jockey Club as "Y" Class that have started at this meeting and not won, with winners of two or more races during 1940 barred. This is a post-entry race so I will leave my readers to pick the winner after having seen the ponies run in the previous events.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

(By "STRIKE")

Some of our old friends of U.S.S. Barker, Alden, Edwards, Black Hawk, etc., have been in Port and renewed their acquaintance with the Bowling Alleys, the result being some really keenly-contested matches. The popularity of Indoor Bowling with the American, Asiatic Fleet, was evidenced by the large attendance at the Alleys from opening to closing time.

The first match I have to deal with this week was played in the Singles Handicap competition on April 25, and was between L. Gaddi and Chas Miller. Both started off level with handicaps of plus 23 each. It being a first round match, three games were played—vide the rules of the competition—the match resulting in a win for L. Gaddi by 37 pins, the individual scores being:—L. Gaddi (plus 23) 181, 159, 189, Total 529 Chas Miller (plus 23) 148, 175, 169, Total 492 Gaddi bowled well, having an average of 176 pins per game, while Miller's average worked out at exactly 164 pins per game; both performance were very good, Gaddi just keeping ahead of Miller.

There was another match in the first round of this competition on April 26, it being between Gunner G. Hanley of the Royal Artillery and L/Cpl. J. Gracie, Royal Scots.

Hanley had a handicap of plus 40 and Gracie was 20, therefore in three games Gracie was conceding 42 pins. Hanley won by 57 pins, actually beating Gracie by 15 pins level. The individual results were as follows:—Hanley (plus 40) 172, 113, 114, received 42, Total 441. Gracie (plus 20) 112, 118, 154, total 384.

Neither bowled as well as they can do and had Hanley not started off well by notching 172 pins on his first game, there might have been a much closer finish.

IMPROMPTU MATCH

There was quite an interesting impromptu match played on April 25, between the Asheville C.P.O.'s and the Asheville regular team. When I say it was impromptu it was due to the fact that the Chief Petty Officers had challenged the Champs, but, owing to business reasons, the latter were unable to turn out, so Joe Harvey, Balaski, and Kilpatrick, very sportingly offered to play the Petty Officers in a three-games, three-men match, and this resulted in a win for the Chief Petty Officers by the very low margin of four pins.

The individual results were as follows:—
ASHEVILLE C.P.O. ASHEVILLE TEAM
C. S. Edwards 430 J. A. Harvey 463
E. L. Wood 398 W. J. Balaski 418
C. P. Rozum 288 H. M. Kilpatrick 373
Corp. Watts 162

Corp. Watts played the first game for the C.P.O.'s until the arrival of C. P. Rozum. There is no doubt that the scoring all round was not brilliant, the highest score of the match being made by Joe Harvey, who bagged 453 or an average of 151. C. C. Edwards was a close second with 430 or an average of 143. Harvey evidently came out of his lethargy in his third game to make 186, and in the case of Balaski, he was more energetic in his first game—he made, 160—and then faded away into a deep coma to make 113 on his third game!

HEWER WINS

On April 27 there was another match in the Singles Handicap Competition, in the first round, between Signalman F. Hewer of Royal Signals and Sam Golden of the U.S.S. Mindanao. Hewer's handicap was plus 50 and Golden's plus 26. The match resulted in a win for Hewer by 16 pins including his handicap, the scores being as follows:—
F. Hewer (plus 50) 434
S. Golden (plus 26) 418
If Golden had made 145 pins per game, he would just have beaten Hewer's score by one pin. Again in this case I was a little disappointed with both players' performances, because in ordinary friendly games they can and have done much better.

On April 28, there was quite a good five-game friendly match played between Joe Harvey and his men from Asheville and the U.S.S. Barker team; this resulted in a win for Asheville by 173 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

ASHEVILLE BARKER
M. O. Gary 819 P. R. Smith 845
C. G. Cunningham 789 G. Paik 705
Joe Harvey 760 E. F. Bonk 692
W. J. Balaski 697 V. P. Beckwith 650

Smith, for Barker, was top scorer with 845, or an average of 169 pins per game—he is undoubtedly the best man on Barker—and I feel quite certain that if he remained in this Port for a longer period he would crack some records. Gray had second highest score with 819 in his bag or an average of 164 pins per game and Harvey was third with 760, or an average of 152 pins per game, his effort on the fifth game being much below his usual standard—he only made 121!

Actually the average per man per game for the match was 153 for Asheville and 145 for Barker. The only 800 score was registered by Smith, for Barker, 215.

WATTS GETS AWAY

We had another match in the Singles Handicap Competition on April 29, this being between Cpl. H. Watts of Royal Signals, and A. H. Potts. Watt's handicap was plus 20, and Potts' plus 50, so Watt's was conceding 30 pins per game. The match resulted in a win for Watts by 68 pins the scores being as follows:—J. H. Watts 493 and A. H. Potts 425.

Potts' defeat was not only due to the fact

that he was up against one of the finest bowlers in the Alleys but also to his lack of experience in match games, while his opponent has had all the experience in the world in match play.

On Sunday a good score was compiled by Miss Nancy Ng—she bagged 184 at Ten Pins—her effort being as follows:—starting off on her first frame with a spare, she missed on her second frame to make a nine, then two spares in a row followed by two strikes in a row, then a spare, finishing up with two strikes and a spare.

This is a good effort and tops the highest score for Ladies for the month of April. I have watched this young lady's progress and I am of the opinion that in the very near future she will be welcome member of the 200 Club.

Latest member of the Club is C. C. Sloan of the U.S.S. Asheville. On Tuesday, he managed to secure the much-coveted honour. His bag was 208 made up with four strikes in a row, a miss on his fifth frame to make a seven, a strike and a spare, finishing up with an eight on his extra ball.

VICTORY FOR BARKER

On Monday, there was another good five-game Ten Pin match between U.S.S. Barker and U.S.S. Mindanao, Barker winning by 102 pins.

The individual scores were:—
BARKER MINDANAO
P. R. Smith 828 J. C. Thomas 726
G. Paik 731 D. M. Keplinger 722
E. F. Bonk 677 S. Golden 666
H. G. Havens 633 E. F. Merrill 653

The best score was made by Smith of Barker, his 828 averaging out at 166 per game—as mentioned earlier, this player is proving to be one of the best bowlers visiting this port.

The rest of both teams trailed behind with averages of 146 downward. It was not a good match as far as high scoring was concerned, there actually not being one 200 score registered throughout. Even Keplinger, of Mindanao, who can generally be relied upon to put up at least 800, was much below his usual form and only scored 722 or an average of 144 per game.

Despite the absence of high scoring a spirit of camaraderie between the two teams made the game pleasant to watch.

On Tuesday, there was a three-game Duck Pin match played between U.S.S. Mindanao and Asheville, this resulting in a win for Mindanao by 75 pins.

MINDANAO ASHEVILLE
H. E. Deitch 318 C. G. Cunningham 283
D. M. Keplinger 312 W. J. Balaski 275
N. R. Philo 274 Joe Harvey 269
E. L. Emerson 254 S. J. Powloski 256

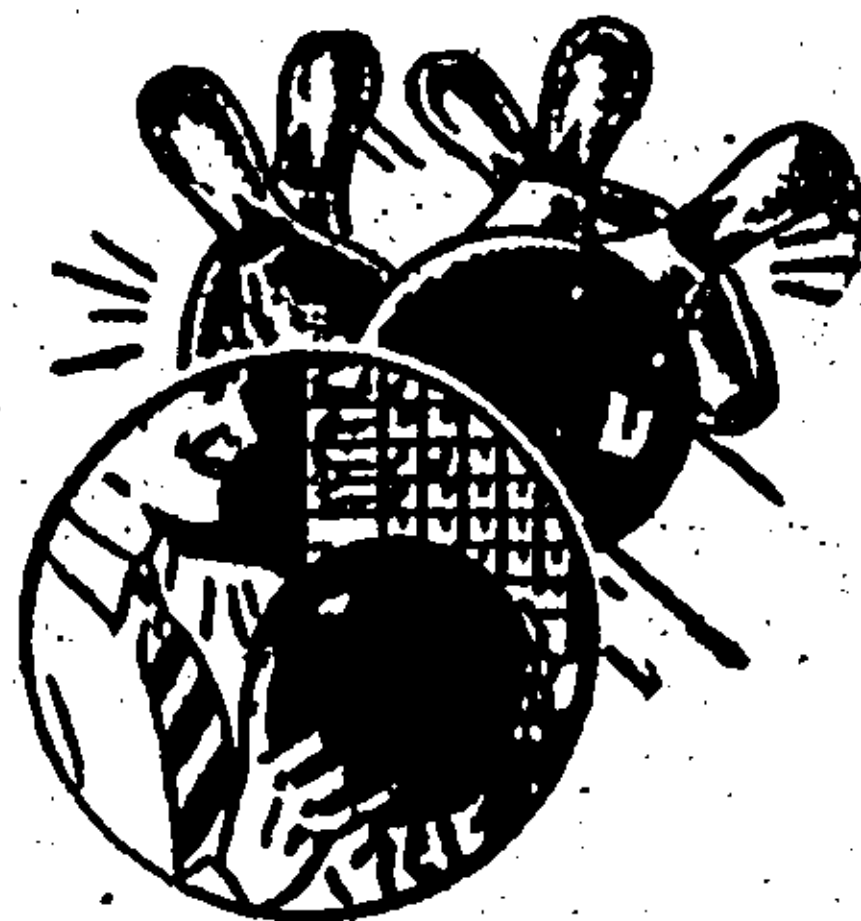
Top score was made by H. E. Deitch, of Mindanao, who notched 318 for his three games for an average of 106 per game. He was followed very closely by his team-mate Keplinger, who made 312 or an average of 104 pins per game. Good bowling.

I cannot complain of a lack of scores of 100 or over in this match for out of the 24 games played there was no fewer than seven scores of over the century, Deitch making the highest individual score—127 in his second game.

This is the first time Deitch's name has appeared in this column but I am certain that before long I will have some interesting Duck Pin scores by this player to comment upon.

The record high scores for Ten Pins and Duck Pins, both for ladies and men for the month of April were as follows:—

TEN PINS MEN
Miss Nancy Ng 184 F. P. Hollis 238
DUCK PINS
Mrs. Opal Levy 122 D. M. Keplinger 147
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B. Wilson Finishes Good Second To Capt. Skipwith

PARTAP SINGH PLAYS WELL

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

A brilliant all-round display by Partap Singh gave Kumaon Rifles their first "title" yesterday afternoon before a large crowd at Sookunpoo, when they defeated H.K.S.R.A. In the final match of the Army Large Units' Hockey Tournament by two clear goals, after leading 1-0 at the interval. The G.O.C., Major-General Grasset presented the Cup to Captain Loch, Kumaons' captain, at the conclusion of the contest.

Last year the Cup was won by Rajputana Rifles, who were this year beaten by the present holders.

The match throughout was keenly contested; the winners however, demonstrated better combination and showed greater speed than the losers.

The outstanding player on the field yesterday was undoubtedly Partap Singh, left-winger for Kumaons, whose speed and methodical stick-work earned loud applause from about 400 spectators.

He scored the first goal about 10 minutes from the start with a clean shot from a centre from Trilok Singh, the centre-forward. About five minutes towards the end of the second period, he revealed his best form, beating three players along the line and sending in a powerful shot from a very difficult angle from which it appeared almost impossible to score.

The ball, however, entered the bottom of the net.

THE OLD FIRM

Apart from Partap Singh for Kumaons, Nerain Singh, inside-left, did well and combined splendidly with the winger. Capt. Loch, right-winger, was not at his best and mishit on many occasions.

Kirsna Singh, in the pivotal position, was very sound. He combined nicely with Hansa Datt and prevented the losing forwards from getting through on numerous occasions, besides distributing well.

Nabal Singh and Gushain Singh were the best pair of backs. They defended stoutly and cleared strongly and, in consequence, the custodian, Hera Singh, was not severely tested.

THE LOSERS

For the losers, Dalip Singh, centre-forward, and Manna Singh, on his right, were outstanding in attack. The former showed good stick-work and was very dangerous in Kumaons' circle. He had rather bad luck on two occasions, when he sent in powerful shots, both hitting the upright. He was too well watched by Kumaons' pivot, however.

The half-back line was the weak link and allowed much rope to Kumaons. Abdul Rahman, the pivot, did his best but lacked support.

Mohd Fazal, between the sticks, worked very hard and saved several good shots attempted by Kumaons' forwards, while Kishan Singh, left-back, had to play a lone hand as Mohd Yusaf, his partner, was rather erratic.

Kumaon Rifles:—Hera Singh; Gushain Singh and Nabal Singh; Hansa Datt, Kirsna Singh and Lal Singh; Capt. Loch, Sher Singh, Trilok Singh, Narain Singh and Partap Singh.

H.K.S.R.A.:—Mohd Fazal; Mohd Yusaf and Kishan Singh; Hazara Singh, Abdul Rahman and Dost Mohd; Khuda Bux, Manna Singh, Dalip Singh, Rajah Khan and Mohd Ali.

MISS JUNE HALL WINS LADIES' EVENT

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

SHOWING MARKED improvement on his form of last year, Brendon Wilson, formerly of the Central British School, ran a fine race in the open 110 Metres High Hurdles at Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday to finish a tenth of a second behind Capt. P. J. Skipwith, R.A., who ran the distance in 17 seconds flat.

Narwant Singh, the Police hockey player, was third in 18.4 seconds and Cpl. Devereux of the Royal Scots was fourth. The race was a close one with Wilson leading up to the 10th hurdle, where Skipwith, who was left at the start, just managed to overtake him.

The Open 800 Metres saw Pte. Manson, of the Royal Scots, badly beaten by the C.A.A.F. Champion, Heung Kat-sang, who won by 20 to 25 yards, finishing in 2 mins. 10.5 secs. Manson returned 2 mins. 19.4 secs., and was a good 10 seconds off the form that won him the University Open 880.

D. H. Taylor, of the Police, who is chiefly known as a short-distance free style swimmer, won the discus throw with 118 feet, with Captain Skipwith, throwing just over a 100 feet, second.

SPLENDID RUNNING

A. Leonard and Cheung Nai-sing won the two 100 metres' heats in 11.5 secs. and 11.8 secs. respectively.

The former time was equalled in the All Schools "B" Grade heats by Lai Chung-yin of Wah Yan who thereby set a "B" Grade record and bettered both the All Schools "A" Grade record and the Inter-School record of 11-3/5 secs. held by C. Hosegood of C.B.S.

The Ladies' 200 metres final saw only two competitors, Miss June Hall defeating Miss Irene Lopes by a sec-

ond to be timed in 29.9 secs.

The 1,600 metres relay was won, rather surprisingly, by the Ching Lin Association, who beat South China A.A. in 4 mins. 7 secs.—rather slow time.

The All Schools Sports saw Wah Yan College, Inter-School Champions, in a good position in "B" Grade and Pui Ying leading in "C" Grade. The fight for "A" Grade honours promises to be a closer affair. In the Girls' Division, honours at the end of yesterday's events, were fairly evenly divided between St. Paul's Girls' College and Chan Kwong.

Results

OPEN EVENTS FINALS

Men's Discus Throw:—1, D. H. Taylor (36.10 metres); 2, Capt. P. J. Skipwith, R.A. (31.76 metres); 3, Pte. Phillips (30.29 metres); 4, Wong Hu-chong (29.82 metres).

110 Metres High Hurdles:—1, Capt. P. J. Skipwith, R.A.; 2, B. S. Wilson; 3, Narwant Singh. Time 17 secs.

800 Metres:—1, Heung Kat-sang; 2, Pte. Manson (R. Scots); 3, Koh, Man-cheuk. Time 2 mins. 10 5/10 secs.

1,600 Metres Relay:—1, Ching Lin Association; 2, South China Athletic Association. Time 4 mins. 7 secs.

Ladies' 200 Metres:—1, Miss June Hall; 2, Miss Irene Lopes. Time 29 9/10 secs.

INTER-SCHOOL FINALS

Boys' Shot Put, C. Grade:—1, Yau Sik-pui (Pui Ying); 2, Chan Kwok-wing (Pui Ying); 3, Leung Kwok-ching (Tak Ming); 4, Yu Kwok-hei (Pui Ying). Distance: 11.43

SUNDAY'S CHARITY SOCCER MATCH

Although the football season is officially over enthusiasts should not be found wanting at a charity game which will be staged on Navy Ground, commencing at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Eastern, who recently returned from a successful visit to Manila, will be opposed to a strong Navy team and a good game is expected to result.

The Chinese team will include in their line-up, the three Shanghai players who accompanied them to Manila, while Navy will field practically the same team as that which gained them victories in their last five matches, one of these victories being over the League champions, South China "A".

Girls' Throwing the Baseball, A. Grade:—1, Wu Tsai-fa (Chan Kwong); 2, Teresa Noronha (St. Paul's); 3, Leung Yuet-king (Chan Kwong); 4, Lam Wing-yu (Chan Kwong). Distance: 50 metres.

Boys' High Jump, B. Grade:—1, Wan Kei-hing (Wah Yan); 2, Tsang Kai-shiu (Pui Ying); 3, Chan Yi-fong (Wah Yan); 4, Tse Chin-ping (Pui Ying). Height: 1.53 metres.

Boys' Javelin Throw, A. Grade:—1, Ng Shuen-chiu (Canton University). Distance: 40.08 metres.

Girls' Long Jump, B. Grade:—1, Chan Titi; 2, Leung Kwan-kwan; 3, Ling Hau-ming; 4, Au Yeung Wing-yu. Distance: 4.04 metres.

Girls' Shot Put, A. Grade:—1, Yip Mo-ching (Fong Lam); 2, Jacky Anderson (St. Paul's); 3, Ling Bi-hing (Chan Kwong); 4, Gueda Lee (St. Paul's). Distance: 8.07 metres.

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It is not often that the overworked sports scribes of Hong Kong have anything over which to wax enthusiastic; when an upset such as that on Wednesday occurs in the tennis world, it calls for something more than mere enthusiasm—but we'll leave that to the aforesaid sports scribes to attend to!

The taste of two months of the dreariest tennis in a tournament that has been growing more dreary each year, can now be said to have been removed from the mouth, for we have had something for which we have been hoping for years, but not expecting—a cut and dried tennis champion being dethroned.

This does not sound too complimentary to Tsui but I would assure him that all this exuberance is not the result of the individual being ousted from his eminence, but rather to faith being restored in the possibility of such an event happening.

I notice that several contemporaries have enlarged on the shortcomings of Tsui to the exclusion of adequate praise for Rumjahn. A hackneyed expression says that a man only plays as well as he is allowed. And that, I think, sums up the Tsui enigma. Had Rumjahn pursued the same methods on Wednesday as he did against his cousin, I don't suppose he would have taken a set, but, hardened campaigner

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that he is, he preferred to adopt the unspectacular methods which alone could have brought him the success he so richly deserved.

RUMJAHN'S win on Wednesday has opened up interesting possibilities for this afternoon. The Tsui bogey has been laid; a Tsui—and the better Tsui—has been beaten. With this comforting knowledge behind them when they enter Stand Court this afternoon, the Rumjahns can be expected to face the outcome with far more confidence. In the doubles game also, the physical factor does not enter into the picture quite so much.

On the other hand, Tsui Wai-pui, smarting from his first defeat in a Colony tournament for at least five years, will be all out to redeem himself. But again the psychological element enters into the scheme of things. Tsui's game was completely broken up on Wednesday—how far his confidence has gone in addition remains to be seen.

In any event to-day's match should provide a herculean struggle and in strict contrast to the poor paying crowds hitherto, I venture to predict

a crowd that will rank with the largest ever seen at a Colony tennis final.

THE cricket season for 1939/40 should conclude to-morrow, provided that the weather proves kind and I.R.C. and Police don't do anything so inconsiderate as to draw!

In a last desperate endeavour to get the match over before lawn bowls takes complete command of the grounds, the teams will meet at Soekunpoo—the only ground

Cricket available. It might seem an unsatisfactory arrangement from the Police point of view but actually there was nothing else for it and I.R.C. were probably the more eager of the two teams to play on a neutral ground.

If no decision is reached, I cannot see how a further match can possibly be played, as even in the unlikely eventuality of a ground being secured for the following Saturday, I cannot see the lawn bowls authorities letting their players off for cricket indefinitely now that the League is started.

YET another Interport football team has sallied forth in quest of further honours. On Tuesday a

formidable aggregation sallied for Saigon to return the visit paid by that port to these shores earlier in the season. In addition to that series, in Hong Kong, we have sent teams both to Shanghai and Manila, and the season just concluding must be ranked as historic.

SWIMMING activity at most clubs is now apparent and the season will be in full swing before very much longer. Without the

Swimming incentive of an Interport—which was a possibility almost up to the time the team was due to sail last year—it is problematical as to whether the same keenness will be forthcoming this summer.

Sufficient indication of enthusiasm was forthcoming during the 1939 championships, however, as to indicate a growth in popularity and, with the enterprising committee now in office at Victoria Recreation Club, still the Colony's swimming leaders, and the increased activity among the Chinese clubs, there is no reason why this season should not be a bumper one.

MOST of the Colony's leading schools have now held their annual sports meetings and in normal circumstances (Continued on Page 25)

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SPORTS PARADE

(Continued from Page 24)

stances the inter-school meet would have finished off the season, as far as this branch of athletics is concerned.

Evidently impressed by the enthusiasm shown at the inter-school sports, however, South China Athletic Association have been encouraged to organise an all-schools' meet for charity. This meeting started yesterday, will continue to-day and finish to-morrow.

All this opens up room for thought. There is little doubt that the standard in the schools is now as good as it has ever been—as witness some of the achievements last week—but what is it all going to lead to?

South China have started something which should do a great deal to encourage the youngsters to run and carry on running, but what is likely to be provided for them after they leave school? Probably nothing.

Some years ago Victoria Recreation Club used to hold annual Colony championships, and when these ceased, there was still the Volunteer sports. Nowadays there is practically nothing.

South China have the facilities, and there is little doubt they would have the backing; they would be doing Colony athletics an excellent turn if they continued the good work they are starting and explored the possibility of holding Colony championships in the future.

Basketball I DON'T profess to know a great deal about basketball but there appears to be little doubt that the visit of the Chung Hwa Girls' basketball team from Manila has been a great success.

In recent years the growing tendency of Hong Kong teams to visit Manila and vice versa has done as much as the Clipper service to bring the two ports closer together, and nowadays, with annual fixtures with Shanghai becoming more and more difficult to fulfil, it is probably a very good thing.

MUCH EXPECTED OF K.F.C.

By "Skip"

I have, at the time of writing, gathered little information about the teams in Second Division.

Kowloon Football Club, however, seem to be quite as strong as last year, if not stronger, and I expect a lot from this team. Field will be able to play only irregularly and Vic Chitenden takes over his rink, with Younghusband and Chris Dowman in charge of the other two. Bob Hall is back again and appears at three to the former, with another old bowler in Joe Gibson as lead. Joe Eastman completes the youth and experience combination!

I have not seen the teams selected by the Cricket Club but from what I have heard they do not seem as strong as I had hoped and will probably have a hard struggle to keep a place in this Division. Their green, by the way, is playing very well, I hear.

BRAND-NEW TEAM

Kowloon Bowling Green Club have almost a brand new team in this division, most of the players having secured promotion from last year's third team, which did fairly well.

Kowloon Tong Club have lost "Spud" Spary and Y. Abbas, but C. Mose is back again whilst Henry Castro has made remarkably good progress and these two should made up

Stage Set For Lawn Bowls League Opening To-Morrow

Unenviable Task Of Selection Committees

By "Skip"

THE STAGE IS SET FOR the opening of the League lawn bowls season to-morrow afternoon. The greens have had their usual off season attention, banks have, in the case of some of the Valley teams, been replaced and last but by no means least, the Sub-committees have picked their teams. One's sympathy goes out to the latter in their almost hopeless efforts to try to please everyone.

As a very experienced bowler said to me quite recently, the trouble with nearly all bowlers is that they think that they are better than they really are! Then the human element comes in, the most important of all I would venture to say; for how many times have we seen a comparatively unknown four, playing happily together, overcome a rink of stars which lacks cohesion?

The skip or driver as he called in some places, has a very great influence on the game or on the play of his men; a skip of average skill, with the ability to get the best out of his men, has far more chance of success than one who offers no encouragement, or who, on the contrary, definitely discourages his team by his demeanour. So, I repeat, sympathy is with the selection committees; they have a thankless job and I doubt if any one of them has pleased all the members of its club.

CHAMPIONS AGAIN STRONG

The Champions have practically the same team as last year, "Chico" Ribeiro replaces Jackie Noronha, who is to skip a "B" rink in this same division, whilst F. X. Soares, of the second string, comes up to replace "Doc" Guterres, who, I understand, cannot find as much time for the game as he could hitherto.

ROSSELET PROMOTED

The Craigengower team shows one or two changes, caused partly by the absence of "Brad," Charlie Rosselet, as I hinted last week, secures well-deserved promotion and has a good third man in Joe Landolt; this combination should do well.

U. M. Omar has been given his brother "A.M." as Number Three and with such an experienced player as Luigi Sousa as lead, should not often be on the debit side.

Dick Basa, will be skipping the other rink and can be relied upon to pull his weight. Alf Coates is always steady to brilliant and will lend adequate support, I am sure.

RINK FOR SHERRIFF

Alf Hall and Adam Holland will be skipping for Kowloon Bowling Green Club again, whilst George Sherriff takes the third rink. Hall has Bert White as his third man and the latter's type of play should fit in with the ex-Shanghai player's ideas very well. Hyde-Lay, who was away last season, is third man to Holland and, with Willie Walker as lead and L. Guy as second man, this rink should do for the losses.

Many new faces will be seen in the third division and I cannot pretend to be acquainted with them all. Most rinks will, however, have a sprinkling of seasoned players and some good games — and usually more jovial ones than in the premier league at any rate — should be seen. My forecast will appear in to-morrow's issue.

well. Phillips is leading for Sherriff with John Gill as second man and Joe Meyer as Number Three, a team which should pull well together.

SAME SKIPS

Kowloon Cricket Club have the same three skips as last season. Teddy Fincher will have a new right hand man in George Moss, George Lee, is to lead for Kern, with A. W. Smith as third man, and Frank Goodwin will have Joe Fraser as third man, Hughie Nish who played in that position last year, having gone home on leave.

EFFECTS OF CRICKET

Owing to the re-play for the junior cricket title, there will be several absentees in both the Indian and the Police teams; M. R. Abbas and Joe Carey, both of whom skipped last year, are the most notable. So this week's teams are not really indicative of the strength of the clubs and I do not propose to pass comment on them.

GRIMMITT LAID UP

The Civil Servants are also fortunate in having the same three skips available, although Fred Jones will be without Arthur Grimmitt at the beginning of the season as he is in hospital with some optical trouble. Laurie Collyer fills the breach.

Jack Hollidge, who thought a lot of Dai Davies last year, will be without him this year as the latter is to play for the Cricket Club, but Jimmy Gelatly should prove an equally good substitute as leader.

Harry Strange retains "Arthur" Rakusen as his three, whilst Elliott Purvis and Bill Burling fill the earlier positions in this rink.

CHANGES LATER?

McKelvie, Cullen and Kempton will be skipping for the Kowloon Dock team in the opening match against the Police, though it may not be possible to retain this combination throughout the season on account of duties.

John Revie is back from leave and will prove a useful lead for Kempton, who has Tom Coleman as his third man and Malcolm Ferguson as second: a powerful combination, this.

Alec Calman is to lead for McKelvie and if Bob Morrison maintains the form he has displayed of late, the rink should prove very adaptable. Fred Cullen has that old-timer Bob Lapsley as three and, with Bill Houston as lead, should meet with more successes than last year.

RECREIO, "B" AND H.K.F.C.

As I have noted, Jackie Noronha will be skipping a rink in the Club de Recreio "B" team and he should do well I think. John Basto has lost "Chico" Ribeiro but C. A. Lopes will lend support as third man, whilst he has a very steady lead in Machado. B. Basto has a very strong rink in C. C. Pereira, D. C. S. Alves and "Doc" Guterres and I cannot visualise their meeting with many defeats.

Hong Kong Football Club retain Brooksbank and Gill of course, whilst Norman Bebbington takes over the vacancy caused by Jake Selby's absence on leave. All three rinks appear to be well balanced and I think will hold their own in the premier division.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

Following will represent K.C.C. in the Lawn Bowls League to-morrow:—

First Team (v. K.B.G.C. at K.B.G.C. Green):—V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, J. Fraser and F. Goodwin (Skip); T. Madar, H. Overy, G. C. Moss and E. Fincher (Skip); G. Lee, W. Mulcahy, A. W. Smith and E. Kern (Skip).

Second Team (v. C.S.C.C. at K.C.C. Green):—W. Naef, R. B. Wellwood, A. W. Ramsey and T. Carr (Skip); A. Dand, W. Parsons, G. Taylor and J. M. Jack (Skip); A. Tribble, L. Jack, A. Spary and R. Marks (Skip).

H.K.C.C. TEAMS

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club:—

Second Division (v. Recreio):—R. R. Davies, J. C. Fitz Henry, G. E. Costello and B. E. Maughan (Skip); W. J. Hansen, E. Hospes, E. S. Abraham and A. W. Brown (Skip); W. A. Cronell, L. A. R. Duncan, J. Prentice and G. S. Archbutt (Skip).

Third Division (v. H.K.E.R.C.):—A. K. Mackenzie, H. A. Angus, R. A. Edwards and A. McKellam (Skip); L. R. N. Ryan, F. D. Angus, J. Owen Hughes and J. A. Mount (Skip); G. H. Bond, B. J. Lacom, W. A. Cruickshank and P. S. Cassidy (Skip).

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GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:—

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	F. C. Chandler, I. H. C. Highet.
9.20	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.24	F. Buckle, S. T. Butlin.
9.28	I. P. Tamworth, N. D. Lloyd.
9.32	F. C. Young, J. W. Mayhew.
9.36	G. E. Kerr, R. M. Wood.
9.40	E. G. Price, C. C. Stark.
9.44	A. B. Stafford, J. L. Oswald.
9.48	I. H. Geare, K. S. Morrison.
9.52	W. W. C. Shewan, A. McKellar.
9.56	Lt. Cdr. Murray, H. H. Mundy.
10.00	J. W. Clague, P. E. Annis.
10.04	G. Thomerson, A. S. Allon.
10.08	E. Bathurst, R. R. de l. Liesching.
10.12	A. B. Purves, S. H. Dodwell.
10.16	R. Young, J. C. Taylor.
10.20	F. A. Redmond, T. E. Pearce.
10.24	L. R. Cramer, F. A. Howard.
10.28	M. Pollock, J. B. Harrison.
10.32	A. K. Mackenzie, K. S. Robertson.

New Course

9.24 a.m.	H. and Mrs. Overy.
9.32	D. Black, A. A. Bremner.
9.40	Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Wood.
10.00	Col. Shackleton, Capt. Reidy.
10.24	Major Mackenzie, Capt. Bridge.
10.32	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Robertson.
10.48	Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Stewart.

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Soon As We May.... Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe, Bertha Lewis, Derek Oldham, Darrell Fancourt, George Baker & Mixed Chorus.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
Valse Septembre (Godin, arr. Lotter); In The Shadows (Herman Fink)... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London, with Al Bollington (Organ).
Madrigale (Simonetti); Minuet (Boccherini, arr. Goehr)... New Mayfair Orchestra cond. by George Walter.

10.15 p.m.—Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" Act 2.
Soloists and Characters in order of appearance: Sheridan (Soprano)... Cho-Cho San; Mannarini (Mezzo-Soprano)... Suzuki, her servant; Weinberg (Baritone)... Sharpless, U.S. Consul; Palai (Tenor)... Goro, the marriage broker; Cell (Bass)... Prince Yamadori; with Members of La Scala Orchestra & Chorus Milan.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

TURKISH-RUMANIAN TRADE TALKS

Istanbul, To-day.
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East, Dealer

♠ K 9 3
♥ J 10
♦ A Q 4
♣ K J 10 7 2
♠ Q J 8 7 2
♥ 9 4
♦ 10 8 5
♣ Q 6 3
N
E
S
W
♠ A 10 6 4
♥ 8
♦ J 9 7 3 2
♣ 9 8 5
♠ 5
♥ A K Q 7 6 5 3 2
♦ K 6
♣ A 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The opening bid of two hearts with the South hand is slightly preferable to one heart since, even though the High Card Value is but 11, the hand represents practically a sure game by itself. However, an opening bid of four hearts would be very bad since South's hand shows distinct Slam possibilities and there is no point in crowding the bidding.

North's three-club response is obviously best with his hand, and then South's jump to four hearts would show that his opening two-bid was based more on a tremendous heart suit than on a plethora of high cards. North would then jump to five no-

trump, thereby leaving the choice of the final contract with South.
In actuality the best final contract would be six notrump played by North, and many players with the North hand might continue on to that contract after South's bid of six hearts.

Yesterday, as Oswald Jacoby's partner, you held:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ K x
♣ x

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maler	Jacoby
1♦	Dbl.	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct bid is five hearts. This bid strongly invites six, but at the same time will allow your partner to pass if he has no first-round control.

Score 100% for five hearts, 60% for six hearts (a gambling overbid), 0 for three or four hearts (a distinct underbid). Note: If you are playing artificial four-notrump convention, that is the correct bid and should be scored as 100%.

QUESTION NO. 400

You are Merwin Maler's partner and hold:

♠ K Q 10
♥ A 10 4 3
♦ 8 7
♣ Q 9 7 4

The bidding:

Maler	Burnstone	You	Schenken
1♠	Pass	(?)	
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)			

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EUROPEAN LADY DECLINES TO ACCEPT CAUTION

INSISTING THAT THERE WAS NO LIGHT AT ALL IN THE HOTEL WHEN VISITED BY THE POLICE, MRS. GREENBERG, PROPRIETRESS OF CHARDHAVEN HOTEL, DECLINED TO LET THE CASE END ON A CAUTION BY MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING, WHEN SHE WAS SUMMONED FOR ALLOWING LIGHTS TO BE VISIBLE OUTSIDE THE HOTEL AT 8.25 P. M. ON APRIL 11, THE LAST BLACK-OUT.

Sergeant G. F. Galvin said he saw a light on visible from outside about five minutes after the first air raid signal.

Mrs. Greenberg, replying, said she requested the Sergeant to inspect when he called upon her as there was no light at all. Mrs. Greenberg said he refused to inspect.

The Magistrate said that she might be misunderstanding the regulations and thought her precautions were right. He said he would dismiss the case with a caution.

Mrs. Greenberg said she did not wish to accept that and desired to call witnesses.

The summons was accordingly adjourned.

On stating that she did not know there was a Blackout Exercise that night and had left one light on in the sitting room on going to a 7.20 p.m. show at the cinema, Mrs. D. Kovach, of No. 4, Ashley Road, second floor, was fined \$10.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Mr. F. W. Grinton, of No. 28, Carnarvon Road, first floor, for allowing lights to be visible at 11.25 p.m.

VATICAN ATTACKED BY ROME PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The Catholic Church was bitterly attacked in the Fascist press yesterday.

The Church is considered to be the main obstacle to the Reich's attempts to involve Italy in the war.

It is recalled the Pope pronounced himself in favour of respect for the freedom of nations and the rights of individuals.—Havas.

MEDICINE DEALER ON FORGERY CHARGE

A 39-year-old medicine dealer, Man Sau-sam, was before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with forgery.

It was alleged that defendant forged an endorsement upon a document of title to goods.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth was for the prosecution, and Mr. A. S. K. Lau for the defence.

Det. Sergeant Cashman is representing the Police.

Defendant was released on bail of \$500.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains to the south-east of Japan and another of moderate intensity has developed over Mongolia. The depression is crossing Hokkaido on an easterly track.

Mr. Grinton stated that he did not hear the last air raid signal as all the windows were completely closed.

The manager of the Princes Theatre was cautioned for failing to screen the booking office light sufficiently.

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London, To-day.

It is learned that during the twenty-third raid on Stavanger aerodrome yesterday morning a British bomber shot down a German seaplane which was apparently returning from a minelaying expedition off the English coast.

The British pilot saw the German dropping flares preparatory to landing and attacked him at close range.—Reuter.

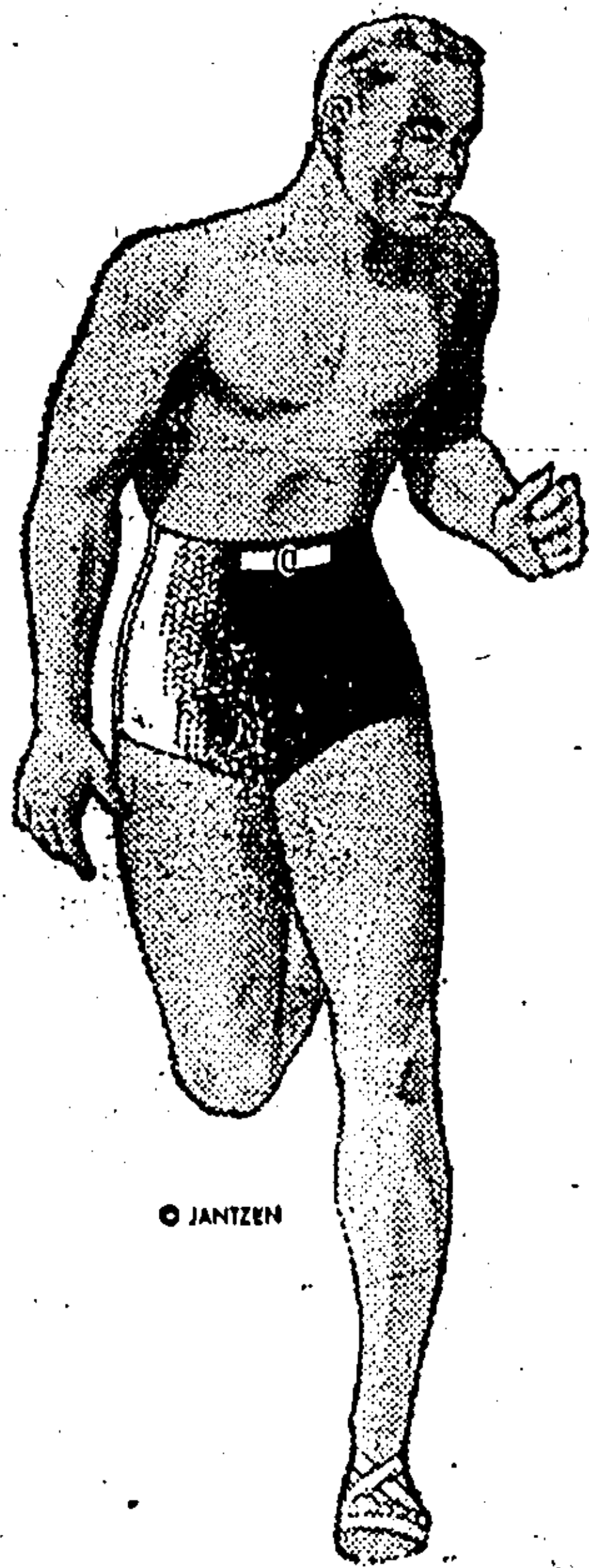
Washington, To-day.

Drastic changes are being made in the armament of American warplanes as a result of lessons from the European war, it is reported here, following a secret report to the Senate subcommittee by the Chief of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Changes are said to include the installation of self-sealing petrol tanks, additional armour to protect gunners and larger calibre guns.—Reuter.

Lisbon, To-day.

Bruno Mussolini, son of Il Duce, has arrived here on a private visit.—Reuter.



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